



Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association

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Ms. Chairwoman and members of the County Board,

On behalf of its members, and the residents of the Clarendon and Courthouse neighborhoods, the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) submits for your consideration the following thoughts regarding the **proposed updates to the Clarendon Sector Plan**.

First, we want to note the wide-ranging views among our members about these proposed updates.

- **Content objections:** Some members want to fulfill the provisions of the 2006 Clarendon Sector Plan and therefore object to the proposed changes to use mix ratio and building height and form.
- **Process objections:** Whether or not they see the need to revisit the provisions of the 2006 Clarendon Sector Plan, many members object to the nature and timing of the proposed update process. These members are concerned about what they see as a piecemeal approach to revisiting major components of the Sector Plan. They're also concerned that we are in a volatile time – due principally to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic – that is ill-suited to revisiting the Sector Plan.
- **Neither content nor process objections:** Still other members are open to considering changes to use mix ratio and building height and form and think that this process is the best way to do so given our current situation.

However, there is one point on which our membership agrees.

In order to reach an informed, inclusive decision about the proposed updates to the Clarendon Sector Plan, our community needs additional information.

The decisions in the 2006 Clarendon Sector Plan were reached after years of analysis and engagement. In order to now consider changes to major components of that Plan, we ask that the County provide our community with additional information. For example:

- What is the demand for office space in Clarendon Courthouse, and what is the projected demand for the future?
- What is the demand for residential space in Clarendon Courthouse, and what is the projected demand for the future?
- What is the current demand on our public transportation systems, and what is the projected demand for the future? How does this demand breakdown by time of day and direction?
- What is the current demand on our schools, and what is the projected demand for the future?

- How does the County plan to accommodate the increased demand for schools that inevitably comes with increased density?

Before proceeding with the review of the proposed updates, we ask that the County to provide this additional information.

We thank you for your attention to these concerns. We offer ourselves as a resource to assist the County Board and staff with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association

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