

December 14, 2012

TO: Amy Wolff, Durham City-County Planning Department

FROM: Scott Carter, Chair, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Subj: Case Z1200017, The Forest at Duke

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) reviewed the project referenced above. We believe the project would better serve the needs of the community if the following items are included:

1. Add text commitment on the development plan for recommendation #2 in the BPAC review comments dated August 1, 2012: "Provision of pedestrian connection to the existing section of Forest at Duke either by providing sidewalk along the connecting road at southern portion of the site, or by providing connection to loop trail at southern portion of the site."
2. New comment: Add pedestrian striping from the sidewalk at the west corner of Lindenshire Drive crossing to the sidewalk in front of the site on Pickett Rd. and make sure there is a paved sidewalk section leading from the frontage sidewalk to the curb. If someone wants to walk from The Forest at Duke to the neighborhood on Lindenshire or vice versa they should be able to do so. (Striping at all the corner-crossings for that intersection might be good but since there isn't a sidewalk on the east side of Lindenshire it seems unnecessary to me.
3. New comment: Construct sidewalks that will connect the site to the sidewalk along the frontage. If there is fencing the walks could be at the driveway entrance. Presently there appears to be no way for someone to walk in or out of the site without walking in the driveway.

Thank you for your consideration.