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Fwd: Proposed Project

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When moving to Columbus, my husband and I spent 3 days visiting neighborhoods trying to find one that had the right "feel". We visited Bexley, Dublin, Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights, Worthington, and New Albany. We could live anywhere in Columbus -- we chose to focus on Central Bexley, despite the very low housing stock (there were only 3 houses to pick from during our short house-hunting window). We focused on Bexley for 2 reasons: the schools and the character of the downtown. We love living in a walkable community that has character. We walk to the library, to Cherbourg for a donut, to Terroir for wine tasting, to Cup of Joe for an espresso. We love that there is a variety of architectural styles and that Bexley doesn't look like a cookie cutter development (Easton/New Albany).

In my opinion, a huge 4 story condo that looks like generic new development is absolutely the wrong way to develop a central intersection in the heart of down-town Bexley. It will negatively impact the appearance and character of the main strip. The scale of the proposed development is out of line with the scale of surrounding buildings. It will be an overbearing, visual presence. The generic architecture is out of line with the historic downtown character. Expensive new development will drive up the rent of the retail space discouraging local businesses (chain can afford higher rent more easily than local start-up businesses). The foundation of a close-knit community is a vibrant, walkable downtown. This project will severely, negatively impact the character of our downtown. Please do not let this project go forward as currently planned.

Katya Czaja

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