

To: Tina Moon, Planning Administrator – Town of Carrboro
Cathy Dorando, Town Clerk

From: David W. Brehmer, Bolin Creek HOA President

Re: Town Code Amendment Relating to Bike Lanes & Parking Restrictions along Pathway Drive

Date: 3/31/2017

I am writing on behalf of the Bolin Creek Homeowners Association (BCHOA) to express our neighborhood's strong opposition to the amendment being considered by the Carrboro Board of Alderman regarding bike lanes and parking restrictions along Pathway Drive. The BCHOA consists of 51 homes primarily on Wild Oak and the easternmost section of Pathway Drive that terminates at Bolin Creek. All of our Pathway Drive homeowners would be impacted by the proposed Town Code Amendment. We greatly appreciate the Board's deferral of this agenda item from March 28th to June 6th as requested by one of our homeowners to allow more residents to attend the meeting.

Originally Pathway Drive was planned to be a connector road which would extend over Bolin Creek and eventually connect with Seawell School Road. As a connector road, the expectation was that Pathway Drive would be a fairly busy road and that bike lanes would be needed for the safety of cyclists. When the Town modified its plans, this section of Pathway Drive was no longer going to be a connector road but instead became a dead end neighborhood road leading to a cul de sac.

The homes along Pathway Drive leading to the cul de sac were all built in the early 1990s and so for close to 25 years now the homeowners have lived with no need for bike lanes. The community is 100% in agreement that there is no need for bike lanes on this stretch of road. It is a 25 MPH dead end road.

The more immediate negative impact to the neighborhood would be the implementation of parking restrictions along Pathway during certain time periods Monday-Friday. We assume these restrictions are related to the existence of bike lanes during commuting hours. For various reasons a number of homeowners park along the street:

- ✓ Some homes have one car garages with short driveways
- ✓ Some homes have very steep and/or sloped driveways which are not as desirable for parking
- ✓ Some homes have multiple generations of family living in the home and have 3-4 vehicles so that street parking is needed
- ✓ Generally all overnight guests park on the street

In addition, given the fact that the neighborhood is a wooded community the street often has yard waste and/or piles of leaves along the curb. Cars parked along the street have also naturally helped slow vehicle speeds coming down the Pathway hill toward the cul de sac.

In summary, our HOA residents are unified in opposing the proposed amendments which would bring parking restrictions to the neighborhood. When I solicited feedback from all of homeowners to determine if there were any who were supportive of the proposed amendments, I did not receive even one comment supporting the amendments. As a cyclist and resident since 1994, I see absolutely no need for bike lanes along this section of Pathway Drive, or in reality, along any portion of Pathway Drive.

We respectfully request that the Town of Carrboro not proceed with approving these amendments as given the feedback received from our homeowners this action would negatively impact many of the homeowners along Pathway drive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David W. Brehmer', with a stylized, flowing script.

David W. Brehmer
President, BCHOA