

Hello, I am Carol Bleakley from Overlook at Westleigh.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you about the important changes that will take place on the Belward Farm and the Life Sciences areas.

The scale of development proposed by the new master plan will dramatically increase the number of employees who will be commuting to the Science City; yet the additional traffic and road modifications are not appropriate for the residential area and will not prepare the area for the proposed conversion of the Belward farm to a 4.6 million square foot commercial complex. Therefore, I am requesting that the density be decreased by a third to prevent gridlock and further overcrowding.

Eric Hu, a traffic engineer and transportation planner with Metro, gave testimony Tuesday stating the plan is fatally flawed with many technical problems and that the Planning Board has underestimated the traffic by 30-40%

Therefore, I am requesting that the council members scale back the plan submitted by the County Planning Board.

On Tuesday night, a gentleman testified that Palo Alto will far exceed our area in science if Johns Hopkins doesn't expand dramatically. Do we have to experience traffic gridlock to compete? I don't think so. This is a disingenuous argument.

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In 1989, Ms. Banks entered into the agreement with Johns Hopkins which would preclude twelve-story high-rises and high-density construction. Isn't Johns Hopkins violating their contract with Ms. Banks' by not complying with her wishes? Isn't that illegal?

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We feel very strongly that the density on Belward Farm be capped at the previously approved 1.2 million square feet which would be more than adequate for Johns Hopkins' academic campus. This would meet the requirements of the deed restrictions, address the wishes of the former owner, Elizabeth Banks, who wanted to continue the legacy of the farm and would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods.

We're supportive of the expansion of the hospital and the bioscience companies but the **scale of development** proposed by the master plan is outrageous. We object to the **scale** of the development and how the traffic from all the additional workers and residents will affect our neighborhoods.

You are our elected officials and you are supposed to consider our quality of life as well as considering the financial benefits of developers such as Johns Hopkins Real Estate.

Thank you and please scale it back.