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Dear Mr. Hanson

My wife and I are opposed to the construction of the ez Storage facility in Ashton. The Springview Community consists of 28 single family homes on Hidden Garden Lane , Ashton. We are less than a mile from the proposed site.

We are opposed to this project for the following reasons:

1. Inconsistency with the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan vision, which is to preserve the character of Sandy Spring/Ashton as a historic rural community.
2. Inconsistent with "village center concept", as required by the Master Plan. Many of the surrounding home owners, walk to and support local businesses such as markets, bakeries and hair salons. A large storage facility is inconsistent with such activity.
3. Brings nothing to community - no need for this service in this area since most of the area homes have 2 to 3 car garages and basements.
4. Brings no local employment opportunities.
5. Lowers property values both of homeowners and business owners. Property values are already in trouble in this area and this only worsens the problem. It will not be a "sales point" when we try to resell our property.
6. Parcel constitutes nearly 20% of commercially zoned property in Sandy Spring/Ashton, which would be better suited for businesses serving community as described in paragraph 2.

We respectfully request that the planning board reject this application.

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