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Dear Mr. West,

I am a resident of the city. My wife and I reside across the street from the Consortium School. I attended the Lewes Planning Commission meeting held June 19, 2019 where the Shields Elementary school plan was discussed. It appears that citizens will not have input to the planning. I have three questions that were not significantly vetted at the meeting or in subsequent literature. Therefore, I request that the Planning Commission pursue these issues.

1. A Commissioner seated to the chairman's right asked about lighting. The architect's response to her was, "it will be LED". As the devil is in the details, I request the commission obtain more information. For example, how many lumens per light, CRI, Beam Angle, will the lights point straight down or be mounted on the side of the building pointing out? Another way to ask the question is, what will be the change in light pollution from the current historically significant lights (see attached photos) which is minimal? Will our bedroom windows be impacted?
2. The plat shows construction of several holding ponds, one appears to be across the street adjacent to the graveyard. What insect abatement measures are planned? New housing developments which include runoff ponds all contain fountains. I believe these fountains are intended to move the water so that mosquito larvae do not breed.
3. A commissioner asked if parking on Savannah Road would be (sic) reduced. The response paraphrased here was that because there will be sufficient parking in the rear of the school there will not be a need to park in front of our houses. I respectfully disagree. Analysis of why teachers park on Savannah Road would demonstrate that they park there for convenience.

Their vehicles can enter and leave directly on to Savannah Road and not be queued on Sussex Drive. This becomes an issue for the following; When the street parking is filled, making a left turn on to Savannah Road from DeVries Circle is difficult due to reduced vision caused by parked cars. Even though the police work hard at speed control there are still drivers greatly exceeding the 25-mph limit. This makes a left turn there during the day a leap of faith. Additionally, the residents cannot direct guests or workmen to park in front as the spaces are filled. Would the school system pursue incentives for teachers to park in the lot and not on street?

In closing thank you for your time. Are there avenues for citizens to pursue these issues should e.g. lighting be so increased as to be a nuisance?

Yours Truly,

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