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August 15, 2011

Terry Gibson, P.E.
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Re: Briar Chapel Project; Roadway Standards

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Please allow this letter to express the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' support of the *Briar Chapel Internal Street Guidelines* (the "Internal Street Guidelines") for the roadways in the Briar Chapel Subdivision.

By way of background, this project was approved under the Compact Communities Ordinance ("CCO") which specifically recommended usage of the NCDOT *Traditional Neighborhood Development Street Guidelines* (the "TND Standards"). However, we understand that the project was denied as a TND by NCDOT. Given that Briar Chapel was not approved to utilize those standards, the project team, in conjunction with the District Office, has developed a hybrid set of standards, the *Internal Street Guidelines*. This document represents the design standards that were used to create the first 627 lots and roadways which have been approved by NCDOT, approximately 25% of the development. We want it to be clear that the County supports these *Internal Street Guidelines*, and finds them consistent with the intent and approvals for Briar Chapel. NCDOT approval of the *Internal Street Guidelines* is sufficient for Chatham County and in compliance with its ordinances. At its meeting on August 15, 2011, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the contents of this letter.

Hopefully this clarifies any ambiguity that may have existed as to our County position with respect to this issue.

For the Chatham County Board of Commissioners,

Brian Bock, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

cc: Charlie Horne, Chatham County Manager
Reuben Blakely, District Engineer (Chatham and Randolph Counties)
Jason Sullivan, Chatham County Planning Director