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### **To the County Council:**

I am writing to ask the Council to view the current Ashton Village Center Sector Plan as an opportunity to regulate the development in the southeast corner in ways that will result in an attractive and believable rural village.

This will require that you consider the following options:

- Reduce the maximum allowed height to 40’
- Incorporate the maximum building height bubble diagram figure 10, page 76 as a requirement, not just suggested heights.
- Approve the Neighborhood Advisory Panel as a check against inappropriate design and planning proposals.

Please see the building height comparisons below in the provided illustration. The existing buildings shown are the Cricket Book Store, CVS, Sandy Spring Bank and the Alloway Building. The remaining images are theoretical buildings that illustrate the relative heights for 45 foot and 40 foot tall structures. As you can see, if these were built, the taller buildings would dwarf the existing structures--looming future neighbors—with the exception of the bank, an institution likely to find a new home in a new Landmark Building.



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