

Eric Willis, Esquire Chief, Property Acquisition Section Montgomery County Department of Transportation 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re:

Abandonment Petition Case No. 775,

Part of Kentbury Drive, Bethesda

Dear Mr. Willis,

In response to the Executive Order sent to us as an adjacent property owner to that portion of Kentbury Drive proposed to be abandoned in Case No. AB 775, I am writing to advise you that Columbia Country Club objects to the abandonment of part or all of that part of Kentbury Drive which is the subject of this abandonment application.

While the Club has no foreseeable plans for development of its property, either by improvements to the golf course or if the property was to be developed otherwise in accordance with its underlying zoning, the Club has advised the County before (AB 765) that it is prudent for the Club to retain access to adjacent public streets wherever possible in order to facilitate future use of the Club's property, whatever that use might be. It is our understanding that a standard for the granting of a petition for abandonment is that the subject public street is no longer needed for public use. Potential future use of the Club's property means that the Kentbury Drive access may be needed for public use and should, therefore, not be abandoned.

Thank you for your attention to this position of Columbia Country Club on Abandonment Petition No. 775.

Sincerely Yours,

William Duthe General Manager