

Jan 6, 2009

Mr. Royce Hanson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: EZ Storage in Sandy Spring (Preliminary Plan No 120080410)

Dear Chairman Hanson:

I am resident of Auburn Village in Sandy Spring and I am writing to express how strongly opposed I am to the proposed EZ storage facility in our community. We believe that such a development would be very detrimental to Sandy Spring in several ways. Particularly, in terms of diminishing the value of Sandy Spring as a historic destination and greatly increasing the potential for criminal activity in our neighborhood by attracting transient persons from outside our community. Furthermore, it would lead to an increased burden on an already busy two lane road, greatly increasing the potential for auto and pedestrian accidents, and introduction to unwanted rodents into our community. This is particularly a concern due to the site's proximity to Sherwood high school.

Lastly, we do not believe that this development is compliant with the Sandy Spring master plan, based on the following language which provides that development in Sandy Spring should be consistent with the following goals:

"Community Identity and Design: Provide for land use patterns and land uses that offer ample opportunities for social interaction and promote a strong sense of community through public and private cooperation." (Page 8) An ezStorage facility does nothing to encourage social interaction or to promote a sense of community.

"This Plan makes the preservation and enhancement of the area's rural character its top priority, closely balanced with another high priority goal, which is environmental protection." (Page 8) EZ Storage facilities do not enhance the rural character of the area and do not fit into rural areas, but are normally found in industrial and large scale retail areas

For the foregoing reasons, we urge the Planning Board to disapprove this plan. EZ Storage will diminish & harm the beauty and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

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