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We are writing regarding the review process for the Forest Gate Condominiums development at 485 Ferry Street in Douglas. We use this forum to share some of our questions/concerns regarding this development.

**Environmental impact/verification**

We are aware a Phase 1 site analysis was completed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Has the city hired an environmental consultant to verify and substantiate this critical information as it relates to this development? Has a Phase 2 site analysis been proposed? This safeguard is vital considering the potential environmental hazard of the existing chemical plume.

Any construction will require disturbing previously contaminated soils. What are the risks that excavation poses, particularly to adjacent residents? How will the public be notified of such risks? Do the risks of exposure outweigh the prioritization of development at this particular location? What ongoing safeguards will be put into place to monitor chemical exposure levels if the development is approved?

As a matter of health and safety, this is a particularly concerning topic which requires advance and thorough due diligence along with continued discussion and communication with the public.

**Impact on existing water and sewer utilities**

Have studies been conducted in conjunction with Kalamazoo Lake Water & Sewer Authority to review the impact 90 new residences would have on the utility's capacity to provide adequate water supply, water pressure and sewer services? Have studies been conducted and shared with the developer and the public of such an impact? Who is ultimately responsible for researching and providing this information? How will the city hold the developer accountable for negative impacts this development could create?

**Traffic impact**

There is general knowledge of the seasonal high density traffic impact for Blue Star Highway, Wiley Road, and Ferry Street. Has a season specific traffic safety study been conducted by the City of Douglas? Has there been a study to determine the impact to traffic by the proposed 90 new residential units?

Please add this email to the public record of concerns and requests for information. We appreciate these concerns being given time and attention as we understand it requires resisting pressure to advance proposals.

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