

Date: July 17, 2020

To: Richland County Clerk of Council, PO Box 192, Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Nancy D. Martin

(Address) 107 San Mateo Ct. Hopkins, SC 29061

Resident for 26 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
	The property is directly in the middle of the Military's Joint Land Use Agreement between McEntire and Ft. Jackson. McEntire may not be in the buffer zone nor on the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) list right now, but any increased growth that diminishes the rural character of the area would increase the chances of base closure since flight plans and crash zones would be impacted. Losing McEntire equals the county losing an annual revenue of \$180 million per year.
✓	The rezoning of this property does not fit inside the scope of the Southeast Neighborhood Master Plan. Richland County spent more than one year and \$300,000 to develop it. Since the Plan is specific to District 11 and is a contract the county made with its citizens, you need to honor the original agreement to build within the 1 mile radius at LR Blvd/Garners Ferry Rd first before developing elsewhere in our area.
	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
✓	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place.
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
	This land has two Forested Wetland areas that do not need to be disturbed. An abundance of wildlife and flora exists in this area, some of which are endangered. Examples include the Pileated Woodpecker, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Whippoorwills, several types of Hawks and Owls, in addition to the occasional Bald Eagle. It is a stopping place for migratory birds, such as the Painted and Indigo Buntings, and Canada Geese. Milkweed is found in this area which is essential for the Monarch Butterfly.
✓	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia.
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
	I chose this location to live because of the rural aesthetics and character of the area. I enjoy the tranquility. Many veterans and elderly individuals moved here to enjoy the calming effect the area has, especially for those who suffer from PTSD, anxiety, and stress that would come from living in a more populated area.
	This property has already been up for rezoning twice in the past 10 years and both times it was denied. It would be a disservice to the community for you to approve the land to be rezoned to anything but rural. The other homes in this area are on 1-2 acre lots, if not larger. Anything other than Rural would overburden our area and have a significant impact on our property values. The developers who are requesting this rezoning do not live in our area and have no real interest in what happens to our area other than making money.
✓	Other: <i>all of the above apply, equally, in my humble opinion.</i>
	Other:
	Other:

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RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Jennifer Mancke

(Address) 320 Clearview Dr. Hopkins, SC 29061

Resident for 15 years

My husband and I have often taken

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✓	The property is directly in the middle of the Military's Joint Land Use Agreement between McEntire and Ft. Jackson. McEntire may not be in the buffer zone nor on the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) list right now, but any increased growth that diminishes the rural character of the area would increase the chances of base closure since flight plans and crash zones would be impacted. Losing McEntire equals the county losing an annual revenue of \$180 million per year.
	The rezoning of this property does not fit inside the scope of the Southeast Neighborhood Master Plan. Richland County spent more than one year and \$300,000 to develop it. Since the Plan is specific to District 11 and is a contract the county made with its citizens, you need to honor the original agreement to build within the 1 mile radius at LR Blvd/Garners Ferry Rd first before developing elsewhere in our area, <i>with the exception of the Carolina Bay there.</i>
	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place. <i>Leesburg Rd is already</i>
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but <u>no work has been done yet.</u>
✓	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

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	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
	This land has two Forested Wetland areas that do not need to be disturbed. An abundance of wildlife and flora exists in this area, some of which are endangered. Examples include the Pileated Woodpecker, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Whippoorwills, several types of Hawks and Owls, in addition to the occasional Bald Eagle. It is a stopping place for migratory birds, such as the Painted and Indigo Buntings, and Canada Geese. Milkweed is found in this area which is essential for the Monarch Butterfly.
	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia. <i>or sewer</i>
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
✓	I chose this location to live because of the rural aesthetics and character of the area. I enjoy the tranquility. Many veterans and elderly individuals moved here to enjoy the calming effect the area has, especially for those who suffer from PTSD, anxiety, and stress that would come from living in a more populated area.
	This property has already been up for rezoning twice in the past 10 years and both times it was denied. It would be a disservice to the community for you to approve the land to be rezoned to anything but rural. The other homes in this area are on 1-2 acre lots, if not larger. Anything other than Rural would overburden our area and have a significant impact on our property values. The developers who are requesting this rezoning do not live in our area and have no real interest in what happens to our area other than making money.
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From: (Name) Thomas (Tom) C. Mancke

(Address) 320 Clearview Dr. Hopkins, SC 29061

Resident for 15 years

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	The property is directly in the middle of the Military's Joint Land Use Agreement between McEntire and Ft. Jackson. McEntire may not be in the buffer zone nor on the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) list right now, but any increased growth that diminishes the rural character of the area would increase the chances of base closure since flight plans and crash zones would be impacted. Losing McEntire equals the county losing an annual revenue of \$180 million million .
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	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
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	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
✓	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
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	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia.
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
✓	I chose this location to live because of the rural aesthetics and character of the area. I enjoy the tranquility. Many veterans and elderly individuals moved here to enjoy the calming effect the area has, especially for those who suffer from PTSD, anxiety, and stress that would come from living in a more populated area.
	This property has already been up for rezoning twice in the past 10 years and both times it was denied. It would be a disservice to the community for you to approve the land to be rezoned to anything but rural. The other homes in this area are on 1-2 acre lots, if not larger. Anything other than Rural would overburden our area and have a significant impact on our property values. The developers who are requesting this rezoning do not live in our area and have no real interest in what happens to our area other than making money.
	Other: * It hurts me to see the stacked-together boxes of houses in the denuded lot that is the Burnside "development" along the Sumter highway. I treasure the quality of lands and lives.
	Other: * Folks complain of "hog damage" to their property, but the hogs are just going about the business of serving their families' needs, not thinking of the damage done to the land. I deplore "hog yards", developers who seek profit for themselves and are blind to the harm that they do to the Earth.
	Other:

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From: (Name) PHILIP JONES

(Address) 1349 LOWER RICHLAND BL. HOPKINS 29061

Resident for 71 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
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	The rezoning of this property does not fit inside the scope of the Southeast Neighborhood Master Plan. Richland County spent more than one year and \$300,000 to develop it. Since the Plan is specific to District 11 and is a contract the county made with its citizens, you need to honor the original agreement to build within the 1 mile radius at LR Blvd/Garners Ferry Rd first before developing elsewhere in our area.
	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
✓	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place.
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
✓	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
✓	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
✓	This land has two Forested Wetland areas that do not need to be disturbed. An abundance of wildlife and flora exists in this area, some of which are endangered. Examples include the Pileated Woodpecker, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Whippoorwills, several types of Hawks and Owls, in addition to the occasional Bald Eagle. It is a stopping place for migratory birds, such as the Painted and Indigo Buntings, and Canada Geese. Milkweed is found in this area which is essential for the Monarch Butterfly.
	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia.
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
	I chose this location to live because of the rural aesthetics and character of the area. I enjoy the tranquility. Many veterans and elderly individuals moved here to enjoy the calming effect the area has, especially for those who suffer from PTSD, anxiety, and stress that would come from living in a more populated area.
✓	This property has already been up for rezoning twice in the past 10 years and both times it was denied. It would be a disservice to the community for you to approve the land to be rezoned to anything but rural. The other homes in this area are on 1-2 acre lots, if not larger. Anything other than Rural would overburden our area and have a significant impact on our property values. The developers who are requesting this rezoning do not live in our area and have no real interest in what happens to our area other than making money.
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RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Frank & Faye Smith
(Address) 518 Penn Rd, Hopkins, SC 29061

Resident for 38 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

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	The rezoning of this property does not fit inside the scope of the Southeast Neighborhood Master Plan. Richland County spent more than one year and \$300,000 to develop it. Since the Plan is specific to District 11 and is a contract the county made with its citizens, you need to honor the original agreement to build within the 1 mile radius at LR Blvd/Garners Ferry Rd first before developing elsewhere in our area.
	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place.
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

✓	Statements of Facts & Concerns
	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
	This land has two Forested Wetland areas that do not need to be disturbed. An abundance of wildlife and flora exists in this area, some of which are endangered. Examples include the Pileated Woodpecker, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, Whippoorwills, several types of Hawks and Owls, in addition to the occasional Bald Eagle. It is a stopping place for migratory birds, such as the Painted and Indigo Buntings, and Canada Geese. Milkweed is found in this area which is essential for the Monarch Butterfly.
✓	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia.
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
✓	I chose this location to live because of the rural aesthetics and character of the area. I enjoy the tranquility. Many veterans and elderly individuals moved here to enjoy the calming effect the area has, especially for those who suffer from PTSD, anxiety, and stress that would come from living in a more populated area.
✓	This property has already been up for rezoning twice in the past 10 years and both times it was denied. It would be a disservice to the community for you to approve the land to be rezoned to anything but rural. The other homes in this area are on 1-2 acre lots, if not larger. Anything other than Rural would overburden our area and have a significant impact on our property values. The developers who are requesting this rezoning do not live in our area and have no real interest in what happens to our area other than making money.
	Other:
	Other:
	Other:

Date: July 15-20

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RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Alatha Jacobs

(Address) 1019 Ridge Rd Hopkins, S.C. 29061

Resident for 23 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

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	The rezoning of this property does not fit inside the scope of the Southeast Neighborhood Master Plan. Richland County spent more than one year and \$300,000 to develop it. Since the Plan is specific to District 11 and is a contract the county made with its citizens, you need to honor the original agreement to build within the 1 mile radius at LR Blvd/Garners Ferry Rd first before developing elsewhere in our area.
	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
✓	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place.
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

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	The Ridge Road property is within the Upper Cedar Creek Watershed (the watershed cuts across it). This is one of a few creeks supplying The Congaree National Park. Putting a sizeable neighborhood on top or through this watershed will significantly impact this valuable resource.
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✓	The sewer and water needed for the development will impact current residents' wells which we use for our drinking water. We DO NOT want city water as an alternative as we DO NOT want to be annexed into the City of Columbia.
	The parcel of land has historical artifacts such as Native American pottery, arrow heads, etc. In the past these items have been found by residents of Ridge Road and residents of its connecting roads.
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RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Morris & Paula Rhodes
(Address) 548 Penn Rd, Hopkins SC 29061

Resident for 36 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

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Date: July 17, 2020

To: Richland County Clerk of Council, PO Box 192, Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Michael G. Brugh

(Address) 312 San Marco Dr. Horrell Hill, S.C. 29061

Resident for 35 years

Normally I would take advantage of the public hearings in person to voice my opinion on matters affecting my community, but since I'm not allowed to do that, I still want my voice to be heard. Out of the many facts & concerns regarding why this property should not be rezoned (all of which are below and highlighted previously by my neighbors), I am checking off the three most important topics to me as to why this property should remain rural. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your public service.

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	There are too many neighborhood plans in place that cause confusion and contradict one another. Since the county is currently in the middle of a development code assessment to change the zoning districts, any current zoning requests that have a moderate to severe effect on the surrounding area need to be postponed until the new zoning designations are in place.
✓	Road infrastructure cannot handle the increased traffic that comes with higher density developments. We could see an additional vehicle count of 9,000 up to 16,000 per day. Ridge Road is a winding, two-lane road with no shoulder space and is double yellow lined the entire length. If rezoning is approved, Garners Ferry & Leesburg Roads will be impacted too. The roadway infrastructure is not in place nor is it close to being put in place.
	There has already been approval for approximately 1200 houses off LR Blvd. An additional 1000 home neighborhood will overrun our schools. The schools are at full capacity. The Southeast neighborhood plan addresses the need for new schools, but no work has been done yet.
	Current funding cannot accommodate the increase in crime and emergency response resulting in a lack of first responders (fire, police, EMS). In addition, with only one entrance in/out of the proposed development, the safety of those who reside in the proposed development and current residents outside the development will be severely impacted by the lack of access for fire, EMS, and police response.

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	Other: <i>Ridge road intersects at <u>only</u> two points - Harmon Rd and Lower Richland Blvd. In the 35 years I have seen a gradual increase in road traffic. I believe Ridge road can handle growth only if this area remains zoned as low density, any zoning that is higher will bring severe congestion to the area.</i>
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Date: 7-17-2020

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RE: Rezoning Request #20-013 MA - 1113 Ridge Road from Rural to RS MD

From: (Name) Amy L Polson & Donald W. Polson

(Address) 618 Harman Rd, Hopkins, SC 29061

Resident for 23 years

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