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Mr. Scott Weeks
Madison County, MS

RE: Devonshire Way Gate Resubmittal for Final Approval

Mr. Weeks,

Enclosed with this letter are revised drawings of the proposed gated entrance of Devonshire Way in Madison County. Below is a recap of the comments we received and how each was addressed. Please let me know once we have received final approval from the County and can proceed with construction. Thank you so much.

1. *Exit gate opens toward traffic.*

We would like to request a variance from this county requirement to allow both gates to open in toward the subdivision. There are many gated entrances in Madison County and most are on a site with a divided median, to allow the set of entrance gates to open in and the exit gates to open out, as both do not operate at the same time. This site does not have a divided median and both gates will operate at the same time. It would seem to be a hazard to have the gates operate in a "scissor" fashion with one gate opening in and one gate opening out at the same time. As a car approaches from outside the subdivision, if they pull toward the center of the road, as most people do on a small secondary road, they run the risk of being hit by the exit gate opening toward them. It is safer, in this instance, to have both gates open in toward the subdivision. The exit lane is clearly marked with plenty of clearance to allow the gates to open toward the exiting vehicle. For these reasons, we are requesting a variance from the county requirement so that the gates open in toward the subdivision and toward the exiting traffic.

2. *Be prepared to Stop sign is not located the required 100 feet. No distance is specified as to the alternate location of the sign.*

Due to the topography of the site, the gates cannot be located in a manner to give the 100 foot distance required from the signage to the gate. The required sign is proposed to be located 44' away from the gate and this distance has been added to the revised plans.

3. *Plans need to specify a siren activated system and a fire box.*

This note has been added in several places on the revised plans.

4. *No pedestrian access is shown. A walk-through gate or access panel (pedestal) to open the gate must be provided and visible for pedestrian access.*

Due to the existing topography, it is impractical to add a pedestrian walkway/gate around the entrance feature, so a pedestal with a push button access box with the label "push for pedestrian access/exit" has been added to both the entrance and exit sides of the gate.

5. *For emergency vehicles (siren activation and fire box) both gates must open at the same time.*

Both gates will open at the same time during the normal operation of the gates. The requested note has been added to the revised plans.

6. *Formal request for Gated Public Street by Home Owners Association, or if an association does not exist, by 75% of the property owners fronting the streets directly affected by the request.*

A letter (3 pages) is attached that has the signature of no less than 75% of the lot owners within the proposed gated street.

7. *Item 6 on the Gated Public Street Policy required upon completion and final approval of gate.*

This will be submitted by the residents upon completion and final approval of gate.

Thank you for taking the time to review the requested resubmittal. If this meets the County's approval, please let me know so that the residents can begin construction of the gated entrance.

Sincerely,



Michael Gibson

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