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As a result of not upholding their end of the agreement, our neighborhood continues to see negative effects, including high traffic in and out of this driveway by student drivers, other visitors to St. Thomas and regular truck traffic. There are many families with small children in the neighborhood and many neighbors who walk regularly. The increased traffic (which often includes high speed driving and failure to stop before entering onto Goodrich) is not only detrimental to the safety of our neighborhood, but its continued use as another avenue of exit traffic for St. Thomas goes against the intent of the CUP.

As a result, I strongly support the City Council denying the request by St. Thomas to amend its conditional use permit that would allow the driveway to remain.

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Dear City Council,

I understand that today you will be discussing UST's appeal on the decision that it must remove the Binz Refectory driveway as stipulated in the CUP. Please hold UST to account on what it previously and legally agreed to do. The driveway must be removed.

Thank you!

Katie Parke-Reimer  
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