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Director Shaw  
Office of Planning  
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Dear Director Shaw,

I am writing to encourage the Office of Planning to undertake a Small Area Plan in the area bound by Woodley Road NW, Connecticut Avenue NW, Calvert Street, and 29<sup>th</sup> Street, currently considered for development by JBG Companies as part of their Wardman Park Project.

I support the development of the site. That being said, the area should be examined holistically by the Office of Planning so that whatever development comes, it makes sense in the community and integrates with the neighborhood. A Small Area Plan for the site would help enliven the area, reconnect the location with the rest of the community, and better support District transportation policies.

The current vision by JBG Companies outlines a development plan that would result in the piecemeal construction of five buildings that would be largely self-contained and detached from the surrounding community. The project design is more appropriate for a suburban community than a livable and walkable urban neighborhood like Woodley Park. Moreover, if the development plan is done one building at a time –I understand that JBG may be pursuing just the northernmost building first—the ability to preserve greenspace and ensure a cohesive design with maximum neighborhood buy-in is diminished.

Given both the opportunity presented by the scope of proposed development and the potential pitfalls that attend to such a large project being done incrementally, I strongly encourage the Office of Planning to undertake a Small Area Plan to include this large parcel.

Regards,

  
Mary M. Cheh