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Reference: Blitch Plantation Limited

David,

In your role as agent for Blitch Plantation Limited, we would like to meet with you, and hopefully your client, to discuss the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for an increase in the size of the existing Rural Activity Center and in particular, the request for a Special Use Permit on the property.

The Rural Activity Center designation is intended to promote mixed and commercial uses to reduce the need for vehicular trips to the urban area in order to meet the daily needs by people living in the vicinity. It is clear that the Special Use Permit application does not meet this intention with proposed uses like RV parking, event facilities, ATV racetrack, ATV sales and service facilities, paintball events, and other proposed activities not intended for a Rural Activity Center.

As the surrounding properties have a Rural Land use and A-1 zoning designation, and are located within the Farmland Preservation Area, this Special Use Permit would corrupt the integrity of the neighborhood, and thus seem ill advised and without merit. The county's Farmland Preservation Area must be respected and protected.

Your clients should be respectfully advised that should they continue to pursue this Special Use Permit as currently proposed, Horse Farms Forever will use the full extent of its resources and relationships to stop it.

I look forward to a prompt reply from you so as to discuss this matter before the planned public hearings.

Best regards,

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