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Re: Case#: U\_2023-0002 / B\_2023-0001

I am writing to appeal to the Department of Planning and Building to approve the plans for the construction of a new fire station in the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District. As a resident and concerned citizen, I strongly believe that this project is vital for the safety and well-being of our neighborhood. Our community currently lacks adequate fire protection services due to aging structures and lack of facilities for proper firefighter training and response. In the event of an emergency, such as a fire or medical crisis, every second counts. Without a local fire station, response times are significantly delayed, putting lives and property at risk. Albion-Little River Fire Protection District's emergency call volume has increased approximately 300 percent since the early 2000's and there are fewer volunteers available. A new fire station will provide for future staffing to meet population increases as well as address the needs of our aging population.

The proposed fire station has been carefully designed to meet the specific needs of our community. It will be strategically located to ensure prompt response times to all areas within our community. Additionally, the station will be equipped with state-of-the-art firefighting equipment and staffed by highly trained professionals who are dedicated to keeping our community safe. Homeowners will benefit from quicker response times and equitable insurance premiums. Furthermore, a new fire station will not only enhance public safety, but provide employment opportunities during the construction phase.

I understand that there may be concerns regarding zoning regulations or environmental impact assessments. However, I am confident that any potential issues can be addressed through careful planning and mitigation measures. The benefits of having a local fire station far outweigh any potential drawbacks, and I urge the Department of Planning and Building to prioritize the approval of this project.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Department of Planning and Building carefully consider and approve the plans for the construction of a new fire station in our community. By doing so, you will help ensure the safety and well-being of all residents now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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