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## Fire Prevention & Inspections

March 1, 2006

Mr. Keith Megginson, Director  
Chatham County Planning Department  
P.O. Box 54  
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Dear Mr. Megginson:

This letter is in regards to our meeting concerning the Meadowview development and the type of road connections that may be proposed between Old Graham Road and NC Highway 87. The Pittsboro Volunteer Fire Department is presently planning to establish a fire department sub-station on Old Graham Road in very close proximity to the development. The location of the proposed station will be of much benefit to not only the Meadowview and Chapel Ridge developments but also other surrounding areas. The benefits include reduced emergency response times and possible reductions in homeowner's insurance premiums. A "public state maintained road" would greatly contribute to the benefits to citizens located to the west of NC Highway 87. Privately maintained roads may offer the same benefits but could possibly present concerns in regards to gates that must be accessed, presenting a time delay, or a malfunction occurring resulting in a delay resulting in the emergency responders having to use an alternate extended route.

Chatham County has several areas where presently located "public state maintained roads" are separated by large prospective developable parcels. It would be advisable in any feasible area and/or situation to provide the most direct and unobstructed route of travel to benefit as many Chatham County Citizens as possible. If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please contact me. Thank-You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas K. Bender". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Thomas K. Bender, CFI  
Chatham County Fire Marshal