

My name is Jennie DeLoach. I have lived in Boothe Hill community off Lystra road for over 30 years. You might say our community splits Boothe Hill with Westfall.

Boothe Hill is a 150 acre community made up of 1 house per 5 acres. Going towards 15/501 and adjacent to Boothe Hill is Jones Branch community with one house per 10 acres. Next to that is an 140 acre development called Lystra Estates which has 1 house per 10 acres.

The plan for Westfall calls for 242 lots in 308 acres. The average lot size is .53 acres. WestFall will be adding 2,550 vehicle trips a day to Jack Bennett and Lystra roads. The additional 62 lots will add 650 vehicle trips a day to those two roads.

According to NC-DOT accident analysis system crash data, Jack Bennett and Lystra Roads are two of the most dangerous roads in Chatham County. Jack Bennett averaged 17 deaths a year with 10 of those clustered at the entrance to Westfall. Lystra averages 9 deaths a year.

I am glad DOT has decided to do something about Jack Bennett, and I hope the changes cut down on the deaths, however I want to know what will be done to Lystra. I have been rear-ended turning onto Lystra road. Two kids died in a traffic accident right at the entrance to Boothe Hill. My neighbor Miles Stone who lived in Jones Branch died on Lystra road while returning from a trip to the grocery for milk. The additional 650 vehicle trips a day will increase the chance of such accidents. I ask that you keep the number of houses to the original 180.

I am concerned that the previous house count for Booth Mountain did not fit into the feel of the area. Adding 62 new homes is over the top. The conditional use permit process has 5 findings for a permit to be granted. I would encourage you to turn it down due to it being detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the community.