

LETTERS TO CHAGRIN SOLON SUN

High-traffic business not needed at an already busy intersection

I am terribly disappointed the City of Solon is on the verge of allowing McDonalds to open a drive-through restaurant at the intersection of SOM Center and Aurora roads. My issue is not with McDonalds, I buy their products. My concern is with locating a high traffic business at an already busy intersection.

Customers to restaurants do not arrive at a steady rate all day long. Restaurants see increased customers clustering around the breakfast, lunch and dinner hours. These are the same times the SOM and Aurora intersection already sees very heavy traffic. The additional turning traffic will make an already difficult situation worse.

The city does not allow a left turn to Station Street when heading north on SOM. Doesn't allowing a left turn into the proposed McDonalds location from SOM heading

south create a similar problem?

The old Quinn's location and the adjacent lots are a viable alternative to the traffic jam at SOM and Aurora. Together those lots have over 320 feet of frontage on Aurora with a potential depth of 200 feet. That should be more than sufficient for a drive-through restaurant. Furthermore there could be access from the drive shared with Key Bank where there is already a traffic light at Aurora Rd and Solon Blvd.

Perhaps council should consider a test run. The curb cuts are already there from the old gas station. The mayor and each council member should take separate cars and try to pull into and out of the old gas station lot at noon on any given work day.

How many variances were granted thus far?

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