

Traffic obvious stumbling block to 'Fast Food Zone'

Developers can only build where opportunity presents itself and adapt to the situation at hand, which is what McDonalds is attempting to do on the corner of SOM and Aurora roads. The city could help them, the city could build a road, and if they create the right road, development will follow suit in the order the city intended.

If you look at what is becoming Solon's "Fast Food Zone," the obvious stumbling block is the traffic around that intersection and the number

of business entrances off of SOM and Aurora roads, but what if the city were to be proactive and build an access road to by-pass the intersection and that would allow access to all the businesses on that corner?

The city could get together its planners, engineers and lawyers, use its eminent domain power to acquire the land and build a road that would run from Dunkin Donuts and Arby's, behind Pizza Hut and the car wash and out to Aurora at the traffic light at Burger King. The new

McDonalds could turn around along with all the other businesses and have their entrances off the access road with no new traffic problems for Solon. Put a traffic light on SOM at Station Street, and eliminate all the curb cuts in between.

Instead of fighting to make the round peg fit in the square hole, create something that will actually make an attractive solution to the problem and help everyone, the residents and building owners.

Dennis Daugherty
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McDonald's should not be 'centerpiece'

I am writing this letter because I can't believe that our city government is even remotely considering allowing McDonald's to build on the corner of SOM and Aurora roads.

As far as the argument "it is zoned for it" goes, the property my home sits on is zoned for a house, but if I want to add on an addition, that requires over 20 variances.

I can be sure it would not (and should not) get approved. And if this is the best we can do to provide a "centerpiece" for our town, then God help us all.

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