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To the Planning Commission of the City of Lake Elmo:

Regarding the proposed “Chapel” at the Carmelite Hermitage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I speak on behalf of my family at 5124 Isle Avenue North, Lake Elmo, to say that we absolutely support the construction of a new chapel. However, a few years ago, it was mentioned that this new building would require adding a roadway through our street for new access to the Chapel. I am writing to share that we vehemently oppose the construction of a roadway through Isle Avenue.

We have shared a property line with the Carmelites for just over 20 years, and they have been phenomenal neighbors. My family supports their devoted and faith-filled lifestyle, so we are completely in favor of building the Chapel. We want them to do that! However, we feel they should maintain access where it has always been – along DeMontreville Trail. Adding a roadway through Isle Avenue would disrupt the quiet, residential neighborhood that drew us here originally.

When adding a roadway through Isle Avenue was discussed a few years ago, I was informed by sources affiliated with the city that Isle Avenue was not constructed to withstand consistent vehicular traffic – its weight capacity simply is not enough. Even though the Chapel will not draw many visitors, its weight rating would still need to be adequate, and our street just was not built that way.

We love the city of Lake Elmo. It is where our kids grew up, it’s where most of our family lives, and it’s where we are blessed to call home. Our street has been the place where all of the neighborhood kids grew up playing with each other, where we have gone for countless family bike rides and walks, and where we can take a deep breath from the fast-paced reality of our professional lives.

Isle Avenue is a sanctuary for many of us – not just for my family. It is a safe place. It is a quiet place. It is a lightly-traveled dead end. Because of what this neighborhood means to us, we sincerely ask that you consider maintaining the existing access for the new Chapel.

That said, we wish the Carmelites all the best in the construction of their Chapel. It will be a great addition for their lives, and we are excited for them!

Thank you for considering!

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