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Mr. Robert S. Weiner, County Councilman
City/County Building
800 North French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Ref.: Buck Road entrance to Greenville Center

Dear Councilman Weiner:

The Buck Road entrance to the Greenville Center regional shopping center is the main entrance used by commercial vehicles and shoppers. Today this entrance is very congested and at times is in failure when large delivery trucks block the entrance. When departing the shopping center most of the delivery trucks desire to turn right onto Buck Rd. and drive west to Kennett Pike (route 52). When making this wide right hand turn all the tractor trailer rigs cross into the east bound and the left hand turning lanes on Buck Road and pass over the center concrete median. My personal observation is that the city type delivery trucks will also pass over the concrete median, but do not cross into the east bound left hand turning lane. During periods of heavy automobile traffic at this intersection normal traffic is halted by these trucks entering and departing this entrance.

Representing the home owners of Greenville Manor, my concern is the unsafe departure of tractor trailer rigs from Greenville Center at the Buck Road entrance. During high traffic periods tractor trailer rigs are not able to make a wide right hand turn. Instead they make a left hand turn onto Buck Road and then make another left hand turn onto Ardleigh Drive into The Greenville Manor development. Once on Ardleigh Drive they drive thru Greenville Manor (Ardleigh and Heather Drive) and return to Buck Road. Once they have made this residential u-turn they can now make a wide right hand turn onto Buck Road and proceed to Kennett Pike.

In light of the above situation, and on behalf of the Greenville Manor Homeowners association, I would like to request the following two actions be taken:

- (1) DelDot is requested to review the permit and usage of the Buck Road entrance. Currently it is an entrance that clearly is not working and is waiting for a major accident to take place.
- (2) Greenville Manor desires DelDot to post a sign on the existing speed limit sign entering the development on Ardleigh Drive that would prohibit trucks from using the development as a turn around. Please note we presently have 31 school age or younger children that reside and play in our development and numerous grandchildren who sometimes are in our streets walking, riding bicycles, or playing games.

I am enclosing a few photographs that illustrate the size of the delivery trucks and the congestion that is created. Unfortunately, I do not have a photo of a tractor trailer rig departing the Buck Road entrance or driving through Greenville Manor.

Your assistance in protecting our roads and especially our children is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or if I am able to of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance,

William H. Rowe

Cc: Gerald L. Brady, State Representative, Fourth District
Jeff Tigani, President, Greenville Manor Homeowners Association