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Letters To The Editor

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Cary should revisit New Hill decision

In his Sept. 8 letter ["Is what you are doing to New Hill right?"], H. Paul Shackleton noted that it might be legal and expedient for several western Wake towns, led by Cary, to:

- Ignore their own consultant's findings.
- Locate their sewage-treatment plant in another community's historic district.
- Ignore the reasonable alternative put forth by the affected New Hill citizens.

Mr. Shackleton then questioned whether or not such actions are right. I can't answer for the elected officials to whom he posed his question, but as a Cary citizen, my answer is, "Absolutely not."

This is not a case of our neighbors in New Hill being NIMBYs — as evidenced by John Edward Moore's Sept. 14 letter ["Plant should go south of U.S. 1"], New Hill citizens have proposed an alternative that still is in their "back yard"; it's just not in their historic district or next to a church, as the site selected by Cary is.

Ironically, the citizens of New Hill are part of the minority of western Wake residents who won't benefit from this plant, yet they aren't even asking to move the site out of their community, but rather to a more suitable site in their community.

I'm dismayed by the decision of a majority of my Cary elected officials. This action thumbs its nose at regional cooperation and provides more fodder for those who wish to sully Cary's reputation. I'd like to see our reputation with our neighbors improve. This Cary citizen suggests that revisiting the sewage-treatment plant site decision would be a good start.

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