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## Written Analysis

 Whether the proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

The surrounding properties are mostly residential with some institutional and office professional mixed in. The proposed project fits well within the mix of residential, office professional and institutional uses. It is also consistent with the Future Land Use Plan.

2. Whether the proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The proposed project will not adversely affect the usability of any of the adjacent properties.

3. Whether the property to be affected by the proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The current zoning of 2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is specific for a professional office park which would not fit in with the surrounding existing uses. The proposed project is more in fitting with current and future planned usage. 2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is currently occupied by an assisted living facility. Current zoning for 2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. limits any additional construction on the site to an additional two story assisted living building and a total bed count of 75 for the site's development. Due to changing economics and demographics, there is much greater demand for a larger, more updated facility expansion than was approved for the site nearly 14 years ago.

5525 hiestale Norh Pkwy Atlanta, Georgia 30328 404.214.5200 ph 404.214.5208 fx 4. Whether the proposal will result in a use which would or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

No. Due to the nature of the proposed facility, it will not add significant traffic to the area. It is low in utility use and will have zero impact on the local schools.

5. Whether the proposal is in conformity with the policy intent of the Comprehensive Plan including land use element.

Yes, the comprehensive plan designates this area as part of the Holcomb Bridge Road/SR 140 Corridor, which intends to create Quality low scale, low-rise mixed-use including office, commercial, recreation and housing; with maximum flexibility to change over time. Although we are requesting a height and story variance, the building will fit into this aesthetic by limiting the height to 3 stories from the Holcomb Bridge Rd. elevation, tucking the remaining story into the slope of the property, and keeping them out of street view.

6. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposal.

There are no existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposal.

7. An explanation of the existing uses and zoning of subject property.

Currently, both properties are zoned Fulton County Annexed (FC-A). 2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. Is currently occupied by an assisted living facility. 2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is currently unoccupied.

8. An explanation of the existing uses and zoning of nearby property.

Most of the nearby properties are zoned Fulton County Annexed (FC-A) and multi-family residential in use. Across Holcomb Bridge Rd. is the Goddard School and Holcomb Bridge Middle School. Both are zoned Fulton County Annexed (FC-A)

9. An explanation of the existing value of the property under the existing zoning and/or overlay district classification.

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demographics, there is much greater demand for a larger, more updated facility expansion than was approved to the site nearly 14 years ago.

10. Whether the property can be used in accordance with the existing regulations.

Under current zoning restrictions 2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is entitled to 60,000 square feet of professional office space and associated parking, limited to six, 10,000 sq. ft. two story office buildings. Significant cost in grading volume would be required on the property to create the previously approved site plan for the office park, and the parking required would create a great deal of impervious surface on the site. 2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. already has a 32 bed facility that has been in service for over two decades, and is in desperate need to expand. This property is currently limited to an additional two story building and total of 75 beds for both the new and existing facility. This restriction is intended to limit the development density on an already developed property, which is not an issue on a much larger combined plot.

11. The extent to which the property value of the subject property is diminished by the existing zoning district and/or overlay district classification.

The current zoning classification does not diminish the value of the property; however, the site specific requirements on each property create difficulties in site development because they are very specific to the exact type of development that can occur. Under these conditions neither site has seen further development over the past 14 years.

12. The value of the property under the proposed zoning district and/or overlay district classification.

The proposed project fits perfectly into the future land use classification in this area. Combining the two properties under the O-P classification will bring the sites up to current standards for property development in the City of Roswell as well as improve the value of the site for potential development in the future.

13. The suitability of the subject property under the existing zoning district and/or district classification for the proposed use.

2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is 2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. is entitled to 60,000 square feet of professional office space and associated parking, limited to six, 10,000 sq. ft. two story office buildings. Therefore; under current restrictions, the approved use is not as desirable. 2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. has an existing assisted living facility in operation on the property; however, the restrictions in place for further development limit the expansion to a point that is not cost effective for the facility.

14. The suitability of the subject property under the proposed zoning district and/or overlay district classification.

2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. already has a 32 bed facility that has been in service for over two decades. The proposed is the expansion of an already suitable use for the area and future land use into both properties. In addition, the project will bring the site classification within the standard zoning classifications for the City of Roswell (O-P), versus limiting the property to regulations imposed by Fulton County 14 years ago. This will clean up the restrictions and make the site more suitable for development far into the future.

15. The length of time the property has been vacant or unused as currently zoned.

2725 Holcomb Bridge Rd. has been occupied steadily for many years, while 2715 Holcomb Bridge Rd. has been in use sporadically over the years and never developed as Intended.

16. A description of all efforts taken by the property owner(s) to use the property or sell the property under the existing zoning district and/or overlay district.

At this time it cannot be determined as to the efforts in selling the property. The property has been in receivership of a lending institution, and was purchased from the bank.

17. The possible creation of an isolated zoning district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.

Possible creation of an isolated zoning district is unlikely. O-P classification has already been established along the north side of the property, and future development plans indicate stimulating more office and commercial uses friendly to residential districts along this stretch of the Holcomb Bridge corridor.

18. Possible effects of a change in zoning or overlay district map, or change in use, on the character of a zoning district.

The proposed use falls into the suitable uses for the current and future use of the area. The proposed rezoning classification brings these sites more into the scope of the proposed future land use for the area and should help anchor the future development of the surrounding properties to fit this vision.

19. Whether a proposed zoning map amendment or conditional use approval will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

The proposed zoning with variance approval will not have a negative effect on the development of adjacent or surrounding properties.

20. The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quality.

The current site is steeply sloped and well drained. The proposed project is intended to limit impact on the site as much as possible by integrating the building into the current grade of the site as much as possible, limiting site development to the Holcomb Bridge front of the property, and taking the necessary steps to maintain air and water quality. This project will also address existing storm water control and storm water quality that were not required when the properties were originally developed.

21. The relation that the proposed map amendment or conditional use bears to the purpose of the overall zoning scheme, with due consideration given as to whether or not the proposed change will help to carry out the purposes of these zoning regulations.

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22. The consideration of the preservation of the integrity of residential neighborhoods shall be considered to carry great weight. In those instances in which property fronts on a major thoroughfare and also adjoins an established residential neighborhood, the factor of preservation of the residential area shall be considered to carry great weight.

The proposed project is intended to save the natural woods to the rear of the property where multi-family residential units adjoin this property. The natural buffer, created by the proposed site plan, is greater than the buffer zone required by the City of Roswell Zoning Ordinance.

23. The amount of undeveloped land in the general area affected which has the same zoning or overlay district classification as the map change requested.

1.21 Acres of O-P. Everything else is FC-A with either commercial, residential, or institutional us