

Project too big

Re: "Group opposes 1,300-seat church," July 26:

As a member of the citizens' group Elkins Park Neighbors Association, I wish to set the record straight on our opposition to the West Oak Lane Church of God's plan to build a mega church in Cheltenham Township.

We are not opposed to this church or any church. We are opposed to the 125,000-square-foot community center proposed for this 8.4-acre site.

The July 26 article suggests that the Ashbourne Road property is zoned commercial and is therefore an appropriate location for this project. It is neither. The property is zoned multi-family residential and as such requires a special exception for religious use.

As a member of Elkins Park Neighbors Association, I am concerned that the facts surrounding this story have been clouded. The facts are that this project is too big for the small parcel of land that the church owns and plans to build on.

In a vote on July 25, the Cheltenham Township Planning Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the township commissioners that the church's plan be rejected.

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