Appendix L

Most Important Issue Facing the Town

22. What do you feel is the one most important issue facing the Town of Cary? (# of comments)

- Managing growth (124)
- Schools (53)
- Traffic (25)
- Overdevelopment (17)
- Overpopulation (16)
- Attracting businesses/jobs (12)
- Budget/spending (11)
- Roads/streets (10)
- Safety/crime (10)
- Economic conditions (6)
- Improving downtown (6)
- Planning (6)
- High taxes (5)
- Construction (4)
- Maintaining greenspace (4)
- Maintaining small town feel (4)
- Annexation (3)
- High utility bills (3)
- Water issues (3)
- Harsh sign rules (2)
- Local transportation (2)
- Maintaining home values (2)
- Maintaining quality of life (2)
- Storm water runoff
- Achieving proper mix of commercial and residential and compensating the traffic patterns
- Fairness
- Gangs in schools seem to be on the rise
- Unhappy about the Community tree becoming Christmas tree
- Activities available
- Interest groups make a lot of noise; they’re getting noticed above average opinions
- Nothing
- Depends on what I read in the Cary News
- Snobbery
- More medical facilities
- Like urban sprawl; big yards; don’t like living so close to neighbors
• Stepping on people they shouldn’t
• Too many rules
• Development at High House Road
• The Town seems to close down when it snows
• Maintaining level of services without raising taxes
• No shopping; separate independent city from Raleigh
• Having to pay $40 permit to take dog to Bon Park
• Need wireless zone
• Being politically correct about everything
• Houses are too expensive
• Need to have more facilities
• More variety in shops and restaurants
• Lack of nightlife
• Meeting the needs of the community
• Need a public swimming facility
• Resources
• Shopping centers look boring because of the signs; all need to be the same
• Small business operations
• Public works
• Slow moving town
• Would like to know more about recycling
• Old feed store being made into a development with houses looking like the store but no feeling of progress
• Other cities saying we are conceited
• Water pollution
• Too much commercial development
• Sign on a guy’s house on Maynard Road (screwed by the Town of Cary)
• More events; old Cary theme should stay
• Public transit
• Focus on helping lower income housing areas; not too low but more middleclass
• Keep family first
• Price of housing keeps going up
• The impact of 540
• Maintaining high expectations set for the Town