

To ZBA,

I am writing this letter to express grave concerns about the proposed 300 unit development in South Walpole.

I will be repeating the same concerns that my neighbors have raised but they are worth mentioning multiple times. To me the issues boil down to three main areas: traffic, character of the neighborhood and adverse impact to our lifestyle.

Traffic:

Stating the obvious but the daily volume of 600+ cars from this developpement with only one, poorly situated entrance, will be a nightmare for daily lives. The majority of the flow will be during peak times; throw in the Kraft Line and the school traffic and you will surely have a daily traffic disaster. Summer St is used as a thoroughfare to connect Rt 1 to Rt 1A via Winter St. It may not be capable of handling this additional volume. I haven't even mentioned the stadium events which will start at some point in the future.

It appears that the traffic studies done by Omni will not accurately depict real life conditions and they were carried out during such time that the outcome was in the favor of the developers. I can write many more paragraphs on this issue but the bottom line is a development of this size with poorly located (only one) entrance/exit is just not suitable at the current location.

I will not take up too much of your time outlining the other two issues; adverse change to the character of the neighborhood and our lifestyle. This is especially concerning during the months long construction phase. The neighborhood will see elevated levels of noise, traffic, pollution and potential decrease in the safety of residents walking along the road and the children going to the school.

Though not mentioned above but equally important are the environmental concerns, impact to the existing wildlife and safety concerns of the new residents posed by the Kraft line.

We understand that the Town has the requirement to meet the quota of 10% affordability. But it is unreasonable to put this much burden on a small community like ours. We also understand that unfortunately we may not be able to stop some development on the site. But I strongly urge ZBA to limit the density such that it alleviates the above concerns.

Sincerely,
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