

From: [MICHAEL MOORE](#)
To: [Patrick Deschenes](#)
Subject: 40 B Development on Darwin Lane, Walpole
Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021 5:45:44 PM

Dear Patrick:

This is in reference to the Residence at Darwin Commons, 40 B development plan. We are Michael and Laurie Moore, the residents at 4 Darwin Lane. Let me begin by saying, that we were the first house built on Darwin Lane and have enjoyed our 21 years with our family here. I, Laurie, am a lifelong resident of Walpole, and my late father, David Lehto, was a member of the Planning Board, the Adams Farm Committee, and a town meeting member for many years. He worked hard to maintain the character and dignity of our town.

Creating a 40 B development with 28 units within 6 buildings at the end of Darwin Lane would endanger our neighborhood. Common Street, off of Darwin Lane already has much traffic with its congestion from the "short cuts" of neighboring route 1, and with that, is the traffic of the seasonal Patriots games at Gillette Stadium. This area also receives much daily traffic during the mornings and afternoons from Walpole High School as well as the 18 wheeler delivery trucks which also continue on this route. Excessive traffic of another development will only increase our neighborhood with more cars. Relating to these issues are also the problems of the excessive use of more well water and the situation of already overcrowded schools.

As we understand, the owner of the property on Darwin Lane, John Hasenjager, cannot develop a street with single family houses due to Walpole Fire Department regulations, but a development, like the Darwin Commons, is permissible. Where is the logic of the town of Walpole in this decision?

We are requesting that you seriously consider this 40 B plan and the hardship that it will create for our neighborhood. We would like to continue living here but know that this plan would bring unwanted stress and chaos to the residents. This is an unfair situation for the Darwin Lane neighborhood and works against the values of our citizens of Walpole. Walpole has the reputation of being a safe town and a nice place to live.

In advance, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael and Laurie Moore