

Our family is fortunate to live in the Kelwyn Manor area across Lake Street from the neighborhood affected by the proposed development. Until the recent reduction of traffic caused by Covid-19, it was well known that Lake Street was essentially unusable from 4:30pm until 6ish weekday evenings. As I'm sure you know, traffic backed up into Belmont and onto the ramps from Route 2.

Once things return to "normal" the traffic will return. There are no alternate routes into the proposed development, and the situation will be even worse than before. In prior times, you could occasionally get a kind soul to wave you out onto Lake Street, where you would patiently wait as the traffic crept up to Mass Ave. If we add significant additional residents, it is less likely that someone that has waited a long time to get off Route 2 and is almost home will be so considerate.

While our area grew naturally into single family homes and duplexes, there was never any planning for major infill beyond our existing infrastructure. I urge you to consider the existing situation before adding substantial extra traffic.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for volunteering for this important function.

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