

I live on Mary St. and am completely against having a MULTI-STORY complex in a RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. And any "engineering" baloney the builder is feeding the Town of Arlington is mostly likely BS. This is not about us; it's about them and their bank accounts. They don't care if they turn this neighborhood upside down.

Car-free lifestyle? Do these BS-ers realize that there are a LOT of older people in this neighborhood? And how would parents with children live a car-free lifestyle? I can't believe they are actually trying to sell such garbage...because that's all it is. Do they walk or bike, everywhere they go? Bet not. It's a desperate act, which should speak volumes to the town. I have NO intention of living my older life car-free. Most of us OWN a CAR...and that will NOT change.

Everything's at stake:

Flooding: We need our wet sponge for obvious reasons. This is a serious issue, and I find it extremely hard to believe the "engineers" have figured out how to absorb water without a RESOURCE....or one that will work.

Environment: Where will the wildlife go with NO home? This is easy to figure out: walking the streets of our neighborhood, looking for FOOD. We've already seen it.

Traffic: We just had lights put in at the bike path after YEARS of being tortured trying to get up our own street to get home from work, sitting in BACKED UP traffic. We do NOT need MORE traffic in our neighborhood.

Hardy School: Overcrowded schools means overburdened and overworked teachers -- not to mention spending more money on the schools to accommodate the increase. Who's paying for that? Us.

Thorndike Field Usage: Where's the alternate space for town sports?

Increased Costs: Who's paying for all these costs? How many times can the town raise taxes? They're high enough as it is, which the developers surely don't care about; they don't live here.

Open Space: One of the last open spaces, which, to me, is damaging enough on its own that some greedy developer wants to come in and build on it. Any intelligent person should be able to see that.

Surrounding homes: Possible foundation damage and ongoing flooding damage. Enough said.

Let the greedy developer build a COMPLEX in Boston or some other LARGE city that can actually handle such a structure. It doesn't belong amongst residential HOMES.

This project is nothing more than people destroying property for their own greedy purpose. When they finish, they will move on to the next destructive project with the same attitude. They won't care what happens once they're gone, and they won't look back.

A Disgusted Resident