

Members of the Board,

I emailed you on August 25, 2020 to express my concerns about the negative impacts the proposed Thorndike Place development will have on my neighborhood. Now that the hearings are nearing their conclusion, I feel compelled to write to you again and re-emphasize my concerns.

My primary concern is that it looks from the plans like Lake Street is the only main artery in and out of the development. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic causing many people to work from home, the traffic on Lake Street was bumper-to-bumper during rush hour. I couldn't leave my house on Pondview Road between 4 pm and 7 pm without having to sit in crawling traffic on Lake Street to get to Route 2 or Mass Ave. Adding a large 176 apartment complex on the Mugar property will lead to hundreds more cars (if we assume 1.5 cars per unit) regularly utilizing Lake Street and make traffic absolutely unbearable.

Beyond being concerned about traffic, I am also concerned that the development will exacerbate flooding in the area and lead to overcrowding at Hardy School.

Thank you for your consideration,
Emma Murphy
Pondview Road resident

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