

Dear Honorable Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong objection to Oaktree Development's application to build behind Dorothy Road in East Arlington. This would be built on one of the last remaining parcels of open land in town, in an area that is densely populated, highly trafficked, and environmentally sensitive which is absolutely not suitable for development. Our neighborhood in East Arlington is already overwhelmed by regular flooding, and this would make flooding and litigation associated with flood damage negative for the town of Arlington. There may also be increased costs for maintaining or upgrading the local sewage system and other Arlington town services. In addition, excessive traffic on Lake Street already contributes to a stand-still during rush hours, and this development will make it impossibly congested and unsafe. This may also cause an enrollment increase at Hardy School, which is already an overcrowded and ancient building, and flooding may decrease the use of Thorndike Field for school sports. The new and updated proposal by Oaktree Development still does not address or ameliorate any of these issues!

Developing on floodplains, in this era of rapid climate change, is a recipe for disaster. And the fact that the wealthy Mugar family and their associates are using a housing loophole to push through their profit hungry plans is shameful. Please reject this with all of your efforts.

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