

January 25, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Arlington
51 Grove Street
Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Mugar Property - Proposed Thorndike Place

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

As a resident of Dorothy Road for 25 years, I am very familiar with the many attempts at development of this property over the years.

As a direct abutter, my concerns are many, though my concerns would impact the neighborhood and surrounding area as a whole:

- Flooding, stormwater and sewage management, an ongoing issue for the surrounding neighborhoods which this development would only make more problematic, potentially affecting our enjoyment and home values.
- The size and scale of the proposed project is not in keeping with existing homes, all single and two-family homes.
- Noise and light pollution would negatively impact the neighborhood.
- The environmental impacts by the removal of many trees which absorb stormwater, provide shade and sound barriers, a habitat for many animal species, including Bald Eagles (photo below), just to name a few.
- The loss of one of the largest green spaces remaining in Arlington.
- Increased traffic on narrow neighborhood streets creating safety concerns.
- Increased traffic on Lake Street already unable to accommodate current traffic flow

Along with my neighbors, I implore to you to consider the numerous negative impacts this project would create and forever change the character of the Town of Arlington, East Arlington in particular.

Thank you,

Jeanette Cummings
32 Dorothy Road, Arlington

