

Dear ZBA Members,

Florence Murphy has lived on Mary St. since the mid-80's; I have lived here since 1997. Throughout our years here, we have seen so much positive change: Re-paved streets, replaced water pipes & gas lines; attention to our sidewalks; & the DO NOT ENTER signs at Wilson Ave., Littlejohn St., & Homestead Rd. These changes have all improved our neighborhood, making it a great place for families to live, as the streets are safe for recreational activities, such as walking, running, & cycling.

The proposed construction of Thorndike Place would negate all of these positive changes. For what purpose, other than to line the pockets of the Mugar and the developers, tarnishing the Mugar family name. Below are the key concerns that we have about the proposed development on Dorothy Rd.:

- Traffic Impact: The Traffic Study from 2 or 3 years ago would be most appropriate to assess the large volume of cars that already use our neighborhood streets. I am referring to the one prior to the institution of the DO NOT ENTER signs
- Impact of construction vehicles on the neighborhood:
  - Traffic delays to neighbors
  - Dust
  - Noise
  - Vibration
  - Safety concerns for walkers, runners, cyclists, & kids
- Impact of actual construction on the neighborhood
  - Piledriving will cause foundation damage to existing homes. We already have cracks in our back steps from the months/years of piledriving across Route 2 during construction of VOX on 2, etc. Having piledriving even closer is absolutely frightening when we think about the impact on our home and those of our friends & neighbors.
  - NOISE
  - Hours of construction
  - Detrimental to the quality of neighborhood life in general. Dogs will be terrified: kids will be frightened; neighbors who work night shift will be unable to sleep
  - Rats, coyotes, and other wildlife will be flushed out, causing sanitation & safety hazards. Of note, a bald eagle was sighted in these woods
  - Where are the homeless in the encampment going to be relocated to?
  - Tremendous negative environmental impact, such as:
    - FLOODING: The already elevated water table will continue to rise.
    - Climate change does not help this situation, either, and the construction will contribute to an already-compromised ozone layer
  - Disruption of sports play on Thorndike Field due to flooding and construction
- Safety Concerns over increased traffic after the build

- Kids actually play outside here and ride their bikes on our currently safe streets
- Negative impact on the Hardy School and other town properties, as has been voiced by other concerned neighbors
- Aesthetic Impact – the building is too tall & large for this area. Six townhomes would be fine. Build those and call it a day!

Our sincere thanks to the ZBA over the years for listening to our concerns about this project.

Respectfully yours,

Florence Murphy and Sarah Harris