

Mr. Christian Klein
Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals
Arlington, MA 02474

March 6, 2021

Dear Mr. Klein,

Please accept for consideration another concern about the most recent Thorndike Place design change.

The above ground parking lot originally abutting 29 Littlejohn Street is now separated from that home by a 30-foot-wide buffer. This happens to be the approximate width of Dorothy Road. If I correctly recall, the area of that buffer is a “paper street”: a street on an original street plan that was never built or completed. It also happens to lead into the area of the Mugar property behind the homes on Littlejohn and Mott Streets. This area was not included in the property proposed to be deeded to Arlington for conservation land.

The developers have been recorded on a Zoom meeting as saying that there is no Phase Two to the proposed project. If there is no further development beyond what is proposed than there is no need for this section of the property to be retained by the owner who would continue to pay property taxes.

If this section is being retained for future development that is something the residents of Arlington should be told. If it is not deeded to the town there is nothing to stop another development including another 40B proposal being sited there.

If I have missed something about this, I ask all parties to please accept my apology. Unfortunately, the present proposal causes me overwhelming concern.

Sincerely,

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