

Mr. Adam Chapdelaine

Dear sir,

My name is John Yurewicz. I am a 76 year old, 53 year resident of Arlington, 36 of those years as the current, in residence owner of #47 Mott Street at the corner of Littlejohn Street.

We, the residents of the Lake Street Corridor have campaigned against developing this property several times over the past 45 years and, obviously so, with success. The site remains all natural as it well should.

The fact remains, we, the residents of the Lake Street Corridor do not want the Thorndike Place development on the fringe of our neighborhood.

This area is the lowest grade area of the Town and as such is a natural storm collector site. Disturbing the many underground natural aquifers on and around that site will lead to expensive, long lasting problems for the many abutters!

It looks like the owner and developer of the Mugar site are planning to 'buy' their way free of maintaining said property by offering us \$350,000 over ten years. Where was all this civic improvement, good neighbor attitude during the past forty years? It's obvious the owner/developer are planning on switching that responsibility to the Town of Arlington under the guise of being generous, being magnanimous! Hardly! The Mugar have never cared about maintaining the property in question. Now they have an "out"!

That the Town has created a list of 'trade-offs', if you will, reads to me like the Town has pretty much accepted this Thorndike Place "Monster", something that has, for years, been shot down, and now, "Under cover of Pandemic" using the Zoom meetings to sell the Town on this ludicrous plan. No live meetings at Town Hall was a great thing for the Mugar, eh?

There is NO GOOD that can come of this development! Each facet created by allowing this to go through flies right into the face of all the reasons we currently stand for and for all the reasons presented against same for decades!

The main problem will be the Comm. of Mass. 'H.A.C' and its penchant for approving such housing developments regardless of the damages, short and long term, that will be inflicted on the neighbors and neighborhood. Without going into the long list of long standing potential damages, all of which have been spelled out for several years, I would like to remind you that NO GOOD for the Town and the neighborhood can come of this development.

Although, there has been word that the Town stands to get some form of financial assistance from the State because if we approve and accept a housing development within a one mile radius of Alewife Station there is a reward. The existing residents get sold out in such a deal. Please weigh the financial offer against the well being of your citizens.

I ask you to alert all the commissions and departments in the Town of Arlington to ready them to DENY the owner and developer from any development now and in the future, once and for all. A lot of Arlingtonians will suffer in one or more ways if this is approved!

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Yurewicz