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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals, Adam Chapdelaine, Jenny Raitt and Select Board members -

I am writing regarding my strong opposition to the massive proposed complex at Thorndike Place. I urge you to reject this project, as it is troublesome for many reasons, such as:

1. this development is not environmentally sound, and the neighborhood flooding will get much worse with a development this large
2. the adjacent residential streets will see a massive increase in vehicular traffic
3. this apartment complex is entirely out of character for the neighborhood - it is enormous and doesn't fit in at all
4. this development will do nothing to alleviate housing shortages and housing costs

Many long-term residents of Arlington like me are extremely tired of the constant pro-density push from town management - we don't need more density. What we need is to maintain our quality of life, our great schools, and the scarce open spaces we have now. Forcing oversized developments into quiet residential neighborhoods does nothing to maintain or increase the quality of life in Arlington. Quality of life for Arlington residents should be your first priority.

Sincerely,  
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