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Dear ZBA members,

I write to express my concern about the proposed development known as Thorndike Place and to offer a specific suggestion.

I share my neighbors' opinion that a building of this scale should not be built on this land. As previously noted, chief concerns are the natural environment, increased flooding and lack of proper infrastructure related to access to/egress from the site.

I write today to address the fact that the project has become a rental only property. This is problematic on a number of levels, but to point out one, it will greatly increase the amount of heavy traffic on neighborhood streets on an ongoing basis. In many cases rental trucks driven by people not used to driving large vehicles. This will increase traffic congestion and cause an ong hazard to local residents.

Furthermore it greatly changes the character of a neighborhood that has been primarily owner occupied for all of it's previous history.

I suggest a requirement that, whatever is built, 50% of the units be owner-occupied, affording greater stability for the community and less heavy vehicle traffic. It is consistent with the developers' goal of creating affordable housing and the 40b permit.

Respectfully submitted,

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