

Dear Chairman Klein & Honorable Members of the ZBA,

Thank you for your attention to public concerns regarding the Thorndike Place project proposal. I continue to oppose development on or near the wetlands due to the significant local and environmental concerns unique to this parcel of land.

I do appreciate the latest plans from the developers which seemed to incorporate some of the concerns of the residents. However, there are issues that remain, primarily with regard to traffic, environmental and climate change concerns, and neighborhood consistency keeping with 40B regulation guideline.

-- The current plans depict the senior living building with a portion in the buffer zone. There should be no building on or near the wetland buffer zone. There should be no underground garages or storage due to flooding concerns. How will the developer be held accountable if issues occur?

-- What is the traffic flow anticipated for the senior living facility on a daily basis? It is unreasonable to simply assume all staff will all use public transportation as the developer suggested. There will also be an increased number of visitors to the senior facility throughout the day, evening, and weekends, as well as deliveries and medical transport. This is still a major concern for safety for the many families with young children in the neighborhood. Who will be held accountable if an accident occurs and how? Lake Street traffic has already returned as I sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic getting out of the neighborhood at 4pm last week, contrary to what the developer also suggested at previous meetings that the "traffic won't return since remote work will continue after the pandemic."

-- The height of the senior living facility building should be reduced to 3 stories to be consistent with the rest of the neighborhood, keeping with 40B regulation guidelines. The size and scope of the building should be reduced by at least half to limit traffic burden and environmental impact.

-- The majority, if not all, of the units should be affordable and these should remain permanently affordable so that the Town of Arlington does not need to keep developing limited land to match affordable housing quotas.

-- What is the status of the donated parcel of land from the developer? They should be responsible for all clean-up and fined for their misuse of the land.

Due to these persisting environmental, traffic, and local concerns it remains irresponsible to develop this parcel of land. Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to express my concerns.

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