

Dear Chairman Klein and members of the ZBA,

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to develop "Thorndike Place" adjacent to the wetlands in East Arlington. Despite the Oaktree Development/the Applicant's efforts to adjust their plans, the remaining and unyielding issues of flooding and traffic have not been addressed and render the area inappropriate for development.

I implore the ZBA to extend the public hearing period, as there has not been enough time to review this new proposal for the senior housing development concept introduced only as of June 2021. The plans were not delivered by the Applicant until a few weeks ago in September 2021. Furthermore, the draft decision was only made available to the public a number of days ago, and there has not been sufficient time to review and discuss the content, particularly for those of us who will be affected personally by this construction on a daily basis. It is also unclear which party made amendments to the draft decision, and there are many unexplained elements and unanswered questions to the building plans. (For example, the plan for the first floor is still incomplete and unclear.) There are also numerous inaccuracies and misrepresentations in the draft which should be addressed and corrected.

I also urge the ZBA not to grant Waiver 6, as it is key to holding the Applicant accountable to correct any flooding conditions resulting from their construction. Our neighborhood experiences routine flooding already, and in a period of rapid climate change this construction is irresponsible for the environment and the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Arlington.

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