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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to object to the “addition” to 39 Woodside Lane as it is too big for the neighbors. The information the developer provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals included photos of houses that are not neighbors and are not typical of the houses in the neighborhood. I wrote a letter last month before the previously scheduled meeting that included a spreadsheet with data based on information in the Arlington property records search.

The previous letter did not include photos of neighbors’ property as I did not have time to prepare information in advance of the October meeting. Today I am writing to provide more details about the neighbors’ properties to show that the developer distorted information in the review of others houses the developer provided to the Board.

The current house at 39 Woodside Lane is larger than the next-door neighbor as you can see if you look at the house on the left and the red house on the right in the photo below.



The property at 43 Woodside Lane (shown below) is 1309 square feet and is a one-story building. The proposed “addition” would more than double the existing house at 39 Woodside Lane from 1,780 to 4,145 square feet and if approved, this building will tower over the neighbors’ houses.



The proposed “addition” would also be nearly 3 times larger than the properties across the street as shown in the photos below.





The neighbor slightly down the hill from the proposed “addition” at 30 Woodside Lane is 700 square feet. See below. Thus, the “addition” would result in a house that is almost **6 times larger** than houses that are near.



The properties in the back yard of the proposed “addition” on Oak Hill Drive are 2 to 3 times smaller than the proposed house and are at the bottom of the hill. Thus, the proposed “addition” will be towering over these properties. Photos below show 54 Oak Hill Drive (1,728 square feet), 50 Oak Hill Drive (1,945 square feet) and 46 Oak Hill Drive (1,176 square feet).





46 Oak Hill on the left and 50 Oak Hill on the right.




The existing house looms above the neighbors at the bottom of the hill and the proposed addition would more than double the size of the existing building.



Many neighbors showed up to the last meeting when this property was scheduled to be discussed. The developer requested a postponement.

We do not have the deep pockets of the developers and are not able to clear our calendars to attend each meeting. I am not able to attend tonight's meeting and will try to step away to call in. Nonetheless, I would like the Board to consider that I strongly object to the proposed "addition" as it is too large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Schilder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Schilder