

December 28, 2022

Town of Wrentham

Attn:
Planning Board
Board of Health
Conservation Commission

79 South Street
Wrentham, MA 02093

Regarding: Sheldon West & Sheldon Meadow Developments

Dear Board Officials,

Our names are Jessica Savignano and Dominic Perrelli. We reside at 1132 West Street in Wrentham, Massachusetts. We have lived at said residence for approximately three years and four months.

We are writing to you today with our concerns about proposed Sheldon West/Sheldon Meadow being built at 1139 West Street (Sheldon West) & 20 Hancock Street (Sheldon Meadow) in Wrentham, Massachusetts. We are listed as an abutter and have received proper notifications as said project is progressing.

We would like to begin with said project's proposed Sheldon West entrance. If this project is to begin, access to the "West Street" side of the complex would be nearly across the street from the entrance to our home's driveway. We do not see how we would not be directly affected in our day to day lives with an access point to the complex located in the proposed location.

We are extremely concerned with the initial site work that needs to be completed for said project to be built. Having the constant flow of dump trucks, 6 days a week, just to fill a site. We are also concerned about the access to our home thru the duration of the project.

Another major concern of ours is flow of traffic. The proposed amount of units at Sheldon West/Sheldon Meadow denotes many vehicles to contend with every day. With proposed Sheldon West entrance constructed, it seems as though our driveway would become somewhat of a four-way intersection. It is already a challenge taking a left for both of us to head to work daily, waiting quite some time to take a left or a right out of our home.

West street is a 35-45 MPH road, which is merely a suggestion. We have seen many cars driving well over the speed limit in our years living in the area. We are having a hard time trying to envision coordinating with another car, waiting somewhat in front of us trying to turn left or right, while we are trying to pull out into traffic, without hesitation and safely.

Additionally, we feel that a new traffic study needs be conducted. There have been several large warehouse buildings that have been constructed and being constructed in the Plainville Commerce Park (i.e., Thermo Scientific & Amazon). We have visually noted heavier traffic in the eastbound lane of West St since on-location work has returned to normal since the impacts from COVID shutdowns starting in

early 2020. Having grown-up and driving in the area, West Street & Hancock Street have been major 'cut-throughs' to access these commercial areas, especially heading East, or from Rhode Island.

When we purchased our home, we were looking for a place with some privacy and a woods-like feel. We truly believe that the construction of such a large proposed complex on this location of land, is not the best fit. Like much of Wrentham, there is a bit of Americana left and a natural colonial charm. Construction of any sort of large building, residential or commercial, just doesn't settle well. We do believe that this proposed project will stick out like a sore thumb and somewhat ruin the charm and feel of the Sheldonville section of Wrentham.

We do have concerns with de-valuation of our property. After all, our homes for some of us, are our biggest investment. We work to afford to live a certain life, in a certain place, that makes us content. It's hard to see all that work and money well spent, turn into a loss of some sort. Please consider the fact that this project could run the risk of financially hurting hard working people that truly love where they live.

West street, as many of you already know, is a beautiful country road with a certain aesthetic to it. A combination of old farmhouses, barns, trees, land, horses and a bit of new residences all mixed in. We feel very much at home in the Sheldonville section of Wrentham. We always knew we wanted to live here. That we would grow old together loving our town and our home that we are so proud of.

We would welcome visitation to our property to gain visibility of how the proposed community/development may appear from our property, especially the curb-cut for the entry to the proposed Sheldon West development.

Sincerely,

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