

Ethan Parsons

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Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 7:51 AM
To: Ethan Parsons
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Subject: 55 Waldingfield Road

**Dear Mr. Ethan Parsons, Planning Board Staff,
and Open Space Comittee,**

I am writing this letter out of concern for the future of 55 Waldingfield. Let me state I have never met the individual who has the property under agreement nor do I wish any malice or intent toward the individual nor his employees. My immediate concerns are for the the quality of life that the proposed project if all approvals are granted will cause to the people of Ipswich.

My understanding for you as a committee members are responsible for what the immediate and long term future of the town of Ipswich will be to the current and future residents and yes all the visitors for whom have benefited to what this historic, welcoming, picturesque town has to offer.

My concerns to the project are many but for the sake of brevity I will try to be concise:

1. Traffic flow -ie, filming recently taken place in downtown Ipswich had rerouted traffic. Although temporary yes tolerable, however, the proposed current number of people to be employed by the current proposed plan would increase the density to a now lightly populated neighborhood. Not favorable too many, and not a good decision as now have been witnessed by and directly impacted and although again temporarily by many, is just a mere indication of what would be to come. Waldingfield Road is a historic neighborhood narrow road, not Route 33 nor IA!!!
2. The equestrian community is said to benefit by the proposed project. I as a 40 year long standing member of the Hamilton, Ipswich community, and now owner of an Equestrian Boarding facility would have to differ. More development does not benefit the equestrian community on any level. Although it has been presented to the planning board and to the people of Ipswich that the proposed project would be less of an intrusion that

a single family development, I do think there are many other alternative proposals that have yet to be explored. However, by giving Carte Blanche to this project will only lead to a future industrial park. The example I could site would be Bio Labs, agree or disagree is only growing in size...what prevents Waldingfield from becoming a bigger industrial project in the future as the company's needs are proposed and then meet by town planners. Once the die is cast difficult to peddle backwards.

3. Has the historical significance of a remaining Frederick Law Olmstead Landscape been addressed in its entirety?

4. Has only the exterior of the house been suggested will remain the same?

Due to the fact that the immediate area has unfortunately not been currently been allocated as a Historic

District as of yet, there is no promise nor any reason to believe anyone will be made to do so!

A unique opportunity lies before us to save a significant historic asset for the local community.

Waldingfield Is perhaps one of the last opportunities we have to save for the next generation this priceless snapshot of our local history.

I understand the many fiscal constraints which currently compete for funding however, such an opportunity that now lie before us doesn't conveniently fit the current circumstances. I ask that the Planning Board and Open Space Committee seize this one chance that now lies before us for the sake of our current residents and grandchildren and beyond.....let's together bring history to life and celebrate our collective past.

Sincerely,

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