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CONCERNS REGARDING 55 WALDINGFIELD RD. IPSWICH, MASS. AND THE ORA PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT

As a lifelong resident of this special corner of the world, I know and appreciate how fortunate we are to live here , and I have enormous respect for the landowners who have had the foresight to protect the land for future generations to enjoy.

I have for the most of my adult life worked with the owners of these properties, with the Hamilton Conservation Commission, also the Open Space Committee, and local land trusts to help preserve the open fields, woods, and trails in Essex County.

I write now to the Ipswich Planning board to commend you for your response to the valid concerns of your Open Space committee at the recent meeting , I believe on September 8th.

Ora first expressed interest in buying this property as a corporate retreat for the Company. Though not a traditional use for the property, this was a potentially acceptable plan and in keeping with the pastoral character of the area and the Great Estates bylaw was amended to accommodate it.

I am now waiting for the next phases of this development to be discussed. I have heard about a large building that may be built on the pine knoll above the polo field but it has not yet appeared on any plan. I am wondering if this proposed development will eventually greatly compromise more and more of the now unprotected space and fields.

I hope the Planning Board will continue to listen to the Open Space Committee and to the voices of neighbors and citizens.

Sincerely,

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