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Via email to Mr. Ethan Parsons

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Ms. Carolyn Britt, Chair Planning Board
Town of Ipswich
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Re: 55 Waldingfield Road, Traffic Impacts
Dear Chair Britt and Members of the Planning Board:

I am concerned about the future of 55 Waldingfield Road, and have been communicating with the Waldingfield Road group. They originally contacted me because of my experience as co-leader of the “Friends of Goodale Orchard”. For those of you who are not familiar with this story, Goodale Orchard (Now Russell Orchard) was put up for sale almost 50 years ago. In response, a group of neighbors, along with ongoing guidance from ECGA, decided to buy the orchard, obtain an *Agricultural Preservation Restriction* on the property, (which would ensure that the property would remain as an orchard), and advertise for a buyer who would continue the orchard.

(and yes, there were times when we wondered if we were going to have to get out the ladders and pick all the apples). You probably know the rest of the story and have visited and enjoyed what is now Russell Orchard.

Many of the goals of the Goodale Orchard project are parallel with the goals of the group of citizens who would like to purchase and preserve 55 Waldingfield. The real issue is deeply embedded in our concept of VALUES. In the case of the Goodale Orchard project, we valued the existence of the orchard and the wonderful history that was a part of the Argilla Road community. Most of all, we valued community and realized that we could invest in protecting the values that we felt were threatened if there was an open sale of the orchard.

Yes, we bought it, we permanently protected it, and we SOLD it to a wonderful family who continues a great resource and a rich addition to both our community and those who enjoy visiting Ipswich.

I feel a strong bond with the group of Waldingfield neighbors who would like to preserve the rare and enduring values of 55 Waldingfield as well as the designated Scenic Road. My sense is that they would be good stewards of the future of 55 Waldingfield, and they, as well as the Ipswich community, would be richer in many ways for their commitment and investment.

I hope that the 55 Waldingfield neighborhood group, who would like to purchase the property, will have the opportunity to reap the rich rewards of true stewardship.

Truly yours,
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