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Chair Carolyn Britt and Members of the Planning Board  
Town of Ipswich  
Ipswich, MA 01938

Dear Chair Britt and Members of the Planning Board,

I will apologize in advance for submitting yet another letter for you to read. I will try to be brief.

I have been watching the meetings regarding the Ora proposal for Waldingfield with great interest since the beginning. At first this seemed to be a wonderful idea and a very good answer to the question of what will be next for Waldingfield. However, as time went on, I became more and more concerned with the changing plans and what seemed like a lack of clarity regarding those plans. Those two things still exist even after all those many meetings and I have lost confidence in the Ora proposal.

Last week's discussion regarding traffic did not provide any solutions and raised more concerns despite Ora's efforts to come up with ways to control traffic with calming devices and neon flashing signs on a Scenic Road as suggested by Ora's traffic consultant. The idea that people who are coming to Ora would park "somewhere in Ipswich" and take a shuttle van to Waldingfield or come to Ipswich by train and take a shuttle frankly doesn't make much sense and that restriction would have to remain with the property for the next owner whomever that might be.

In addition to traffic on Waldingfield Road, cars entering Waldingfield Road from Goodhue Street which is also a narrow road that enters onto Waldingfield Road is a dangerous entrance and exit itself.

It may be that the Ora proposal isn't going to be a good fit for Waldingfield after all.

Thank you for your time.

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