

April 5, 2022

Planning Board
Town of Ipswich
25 Green Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Dear Planning Board:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed development at 55 Waldingfield Road. I am concerned about the destructive impact of such a development, from the increased traffic and safety risks for pedestrians and bicyclists to the significant drainage of the already vulnerable water source. I would argue that it is also extremely alarming that Ora will not be subject to water restrictions as local, tax-paying residents are. As my family and I consider moving to Ipswich, the prospect of a decline in the quality of life in the town makes us pause, and from what I understand, there are many current residents who are opposed to the scope of development proposed by Ora. Indeed, water shortages due to the construction of a corporation's headquarters will become the problem of private citizens who never endorsed the project. I respectfully ask that you prevent the irreversible damage that would result from this development and not grant a special permit to Ora.

Sincerely,



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Georgetown, MA