

June 14, 2022

Via email to Mr. Ethan Parsons

Ms. Carolyn Britt, Chair
Planning Board-Town of Ipswich
25 Green Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Re: 55 Waldingfield Road, Special Permit Application by Ora Incorporated

Dear Chair Britt and Members of the Planning Board

In cooperation with the Friends of Waldingfield and as the sole property abutter to 55 Waldingfield Road, myself, my 2 brothers and 2 sisters respectfully request the opportunity to present our concerns relative to the proposed special permit application by Ora Incorporated. We believe our narrative has not received sufficient attention as the public input time duration at Planning Board meetings has been too frequently truncated and speakers not able to provide their expert input.

For the past several months, we have been preparing a "playbook" that follows the Great Estates Preservation Bylaw conditions for special permit consideration. We have structured the playbook to allow for a sequential discussion of the necessary decision criteria.

We request, similar to Ora's multiple presentations, adequate time for our presentation and subsequent question and answer period. We believe a 90-minute session allows for sufficient time to address our concerns and respond to questions that the Planning Board or the public may have.

In short, the increased traffic generated by Ora will be a legitimate safety concern which is terribly difficult not to speak up about. We, of course realize change is inevitable, but we would like to share how passionate we are about preserving the relatively rural feel of our area. The peaceful beauty of Waldingfield may not have been considerably jeopardized by Ora's original proposal of approximately 50 employees. However, their lack of clarity pertaining to ultimate number of employees, final square footage of all buildings, location & size of parking areas as well as necessary offensive lighting is extremely concerning.

We believe Waldingfield is vitally important to the local community, therefore, we respectfully encourage the Planning Board to request specific details from Ora relative to both their short as well as long term intentions.

Our family along with several others on & around Waldingfield Road were instrumental in building the Ipswich Y & for decades have been committed to improving the Ipswich community's educational & recreational opportunities by continually supporting the Ipswich Museum, Essex County Trail Association, Greenbelt, Appleton Farms & Crane's Beach.

In closing, we would like to truly thank each member of the Planning Board for the time & effort they have put into evaluating Ora's proposal and in hopes of an optimistic outcome encourage all members to carefully review the details as they are this decision's hinge ...a central point on which everything depends.

Very sincerely,
Amanda Smith & Family
65 Waldingfield Road