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Lois S. Barbour

Chair Norwell Board of Appeals

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Dear Lois S. Barbour,

This letter is in response to your recent request for my opinion on traffic issues concerning the proposed development at 15 High St. Looking at the project from a public safety perspective and how it would impact the surrounding area I have two concerns.

The first concern I have is the added traffic stress that would impact an already busy intersection. The intersection of Washington St. with Grove and High already has a very large volume of traffic with peak volumes being observed usually around noon time or five in the afternoon. This particular project will impact the High St. end of the intersection severely. There are already concerns about traffic building up on High St. due to the 80 Washington St. businesses and with one of the exits to the proposed project exiting at basically the same location I see this as a problem. With a multiple unit complex there is simply no room for the vehicles exiting onto High St. towards the Washington St. intersection. This combined with the daily traffic from High St. towards the Washington St. intersection I foresee traffic problems. The only possible solution I can think to offer is that the access point to High St. closest to the Washington St. intersection be made an entrance only. This would create a one way route of travel through the complex ending in the exit only access being further from the intersection and hopefully alleviating traffic build up at the lights.

The second issue I potentially see becoming a problem is parking. My review of the plans shows minimum parking for residents of the proposed complex. While this may not be a concern for all residents it does become a concern if they plan on having any guests. The plans show no option for guest parking and this could lead to the following problem. With no place for guests to park we cannot have them parking in the street. High Street is already very narrow with the addition of granite curbing preventing off road parking. Having no room to park off of the street would leave vehicles parked in the street which would block lanes of travel almost completely. With an already high traffic intersection backing up this would lead to large scale traffic problems possibly blocking access from public safety vehicles.



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Above are my concerns to the proposed project at 15 High St. in regards to traffic from a public safety perspective. If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss further we are always available.

Respectfully,

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