

October 26, 2020

Mary Savage-Dunham
Planning Board
Town of Hingham
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043-0239

Re: 100 Industrial Park Road, Hingham

Dear Ms. Savage-Dunham:

We are in receipt of South Shore Health's letter dated October 23, 2020, containing concerns regarding the traffic for the application noted above. Our responses are indicated below in ***bold italic*** text and are as follows:

1. Amazon's plans do not include any upgrades to South Shore Park roads. Based on the increase in volume alone, investments in the roads is critical.

Response: The proposed development will be avoiding peak hour traffic times to mitigate any impacts to the surrounding roadway network. In addition, the Site will be undergoing a traffic monitoring program within 90 days following the receipt of a certificate of occupancy for the Site. If timing changes at the Pond Park Road and Derby Street intersection are necessary, revisions will be made at that time.

2. We understand that a study has been completed which includes estimates on the number of trips each hour and day. We ask that the Town consider how these traffic patterns may be mitigated to continue easy access for South Shore Health patients and the other office park tenants.

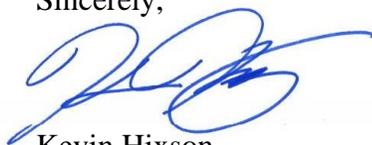
Response: The traffic study supplied to the Planning Board was reviewed by Jeffrey Dirk, PE. Mr. Dirk was hired by the Town to perform a peer review of the traffic study. Mr. Dirk has reviewed and concurred with the findings of the traffic study. Please see response to the first comment for additional information.

3. Considering the continued demand for online retailing and Amazon's increasing number of holiday/ Amazon Prime events, the estimated traffic volume is only going to grow and create amplified barriers and congestion. We encourage the Town to develop mitigation strategies for not only the future growth of Amazon but for specific times of the year to address holidays and events.

Response: If the site operations change, the Site will be outside of their special permit and they will therefore have to come back in front of the Board to have the Site reapproved. A new traffic study at that time would need to be developed for the new use. At that point, it would need to be determined if mitigation would be necessary.

We trust this addresses your questions and concerns. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 203-608-2438.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hixson
Senior Project Manager