



November 11, 2020

Mr. Kevin Ellis
Chair, Planning Board
Town of Hingham
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Dear Chairman Ellis,

It has come to my attention that Amazon has submitted a request to build a Distribution Center in South Shore Park. I am writing to express my concern about having a facility of that size, with the attendant traffic that will be generated, in such a small area with narrow roads, few sidewalks and a single entrance/exit that is already difficult at certain times during the day.

Will Amazon agree to widen Industrial Park Road and install sidewalks? Will Amazon agree to re-configure the entrance and exit to South Shore Park? I'm curious to see what steps the Town of Hingham will be taking to mitigate the impact of the Amazon traffic, both inside and outside the park. For instance, the newly created turning lanes on Derby St. to Rt 3 are already packed at peak hours, obstructing traffic. This will undoubtedly be impacted by Amazon traffic. During the holidays and peak weekends, Derby Street is backed up from the Derby Street Shops and Amazon traffic will only add to that. I am certain that during holiday "surge" windows, the Amazon facility will add even more workers, more deliveries and more traffic.

To add to the misery, the stoplight configuration for South Shore Park is badly in need of a reconfiguration. It is not uncommon to sit in the left turn lane to enter the park in the morning and sit through an entire light cycle. The same happens with the exit lights in the evening. Resolving this should be a top priority, regardless of Amazon's decision.

While I understand the attraction of real estate taxes from the site, I believe the impact it will have will negatively affect South Shore Park and the surrounding area. The jobs the site will offer will not be high paying jobs for Hingham residents, they will be hourly positions that will attract workers from outside the area, thus adding more traffic.

I know you and your board will give this application your full attention. I would encourage you to deny the application for the reasons stated. I appreciate your consideration.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. DeWaal".

John R. DeWaal

President

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