

March 19, 2021

Kevin M. Ellis, Chairman
Planning Board
Town of Hingham
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By Electronic Mail: wentworthe@hingham-ma.gov

Dear Chair Ellis:

On behalf of South Shore Health, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding Amazon's proposed "Last Mile" Distribution Facility to be located at 100 Industrial Park Road in Hingham.

Over the past ten years, South Shore Health has been a member of the Hingham community through the operation of the Center for Orthopedics, Spine, and Sports Medicine ("Center"), located at 2 Pond Park Road. The decision to locate the Center at this site within South Shore Park was made in part due to the easy access to the building from major roadways and its ample parking. This is especially important for the over 600 patients from Hingham and across the region that are treated at this location on a daily basis; many of whom are older, have had a surgical procedure, or are experiencing mobility issues requiring orthopedic care. This accessibility is a substantial reason why South Shore Health chose to invest in this location and make it the home for the Center until at least 2031.

South Shore Health has previously expressed its concerns to the Planning Board about the anticipated impact from the substantial increase in traffic resulting from the new Amazon site. Our priority is for our patients and staff to continue to have safe and efficient access to the Center and to help mitigate the traffic impact, I respectfully request your consideration of the enclosed March 17, 2021, proposal from A.W. Perry (AWP).

In AWP's proposal, several key conditions related to infrastructure improvements are recommended to be required of Amazon prior to the Town of Hingham issuing applicable permits. South Shore Health supports these recommendations as it would benefit the Town, the businesses located within South Shore Park and all of our respective customers. It is critical for Amazon to commit to these meaningful improvements to curtail the projected traffic density in the area. Additionally, requiring this type of municipal and infrastructure investment by Amazon is similar to actions taken by other Massachusetts municipalities during their respective approval processes for "Last Mile" sites. As a long time presence in the Hingham business community located at 2 Pond Park, and as a provider of essential clinical services, South Shore Health is advocating for these traffic calming and improvement measures.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue and we look forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joseph Driscoll, Esq., General Counsel, at 781-624-8865.

Sincerely,



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