PLANNING BOARD HINGHAM, MA

Good evening, Hingham Planning Board,

We are Alaine and Ronald Gomez and we live at 211 Cushing Street, Hingham, MA 02043

We are writing to you since we will be out of town on September 27, 2021 for the Zoom meeting in regards to the Bristol Brothers Development Corporation Flexible Residential Development of 8 single-family dwellings located at 213 and 215 Cushing Street.

We have been looking forward to having the land behind us developed and have listen to a number of groups who have been interested in developing the property over the course of many years. In the beginning there were plans for a few houses, then five houses and last year 2 houses. None of these plans came to pass as there were many obstacles put in place for various reasons, so you can imagine our surprise when we received notification about eight homes potentially being built on 7.48 acres of land. Our property abuts this proposed development.

We understand that there are plans to build seven homes on the 213 Cushing Street location with the eighth home located at 215 Cushing Street.

Needless to say, we have a few questions and concerns listed below that we would like to have answered.

How will the eight homes impact the environment of the land, especially the two homes that go halfway into the 100-foot buffer to protect the wet lands?

There are two vernal pools on the property that have been very active this summer. Will there be guide lines in place to make sure these vernal pools do not get destroyed?

One of the concerns over the years has been protecting the forest and not removing trees unnecessarily, there seems to be a major clearing of the land for the seven homes.

As this process goes forward is there a way to build homes leaving many of the trees in place?

This property also has a number of drop offs of various degrees. How are you going to prevent the lower homes from flooding or are there plans to remove the trees and back fill the property to make the land level?

Is there going to be a Forest Management Plan put in place to protect not only this development, but the abutters properties too?

How will the eight homes impact the road traffic off Cushing Street especially since it will be difficult for the residence to see oncoming traffic from the left side of their exit onto the street?

On a personal note, we are very concerned about any potential blasting that may happen with building seven homes and an access road for the development.

A number of years back when Leclair Drive was developed, we along with many other homes not only on and off of Cushing Street, but in the town of Weymouth, had damages done to our homes due to blasting for the town water line and the removal of ledge on Leclair Drive. Our home is built on ledge and we have ledge throughout our property.

Who is going to protect all abutters to make sure our properties are not damaged if this development goes through?

Thank you for reading our concerns and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Alaine and Ronald Gomez

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