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Subject: RE: SSCC Pool Complex
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 1:17:57 PM
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Hi Mike,

I have reviewed the comments below. Please see my response for the Planning Board's consideration:

The proposed temporary overflow parking area is outside of the 50ft buffer and partially within the 100ft buffer. No resurfacing of the area is proposed. The area is currently lawn and will remain as lawn. Since this area will not be resurfaced and overflow parking will rarely be needed (approximately a few days a year), this does not require conservation permitting. If permitting was required, compliance with performance standards for the 100ft buffer pursuant to the Hingham By-Law for Wetlands Protection & Hingham Wetland Regulations, as well as compliance with provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act and regulation would be required.

Best,
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Dear Planning Board Committee,

This email is in regard to the new pool complex at the SSCC. We are abutters at 20 Del Prete Drive.

We have reviewed the acoustical consultant's Acoustic Review and Feedback Report provided on the Town of Hingham website. We specifically note the conclusion that; "Based on these findings, we recommend incorporating a solid barrier of at least 8 feet tall above the pool deck wrapping around the pool areas to act as a sound barrier to reduce the sound transmission to the neighboring residences." Confirmation of the noise and what we've known to be a MAJOR issue of this project is helpful, but according to this document, only the spray deck and general pool area were analyzed. As has been previously discussed with the SSCC and planning board, we have equal concerns about the anticipated increase in traffic, use of the upper parking lot, and about the future equipment to inflate the bubble, for which construction of a concrete pad is included in the current site plan. The 8' barrier recommendation in the report did not account for these additional sources of noise and the recommendation suggests the barrier ends before the concrete pad begins that will be home to the industrial inflation fans and pumps for the bubble. If it makes sense to construct the swim complex in consideration of, and preparation for, the bubble (a point made proponents of the project that includes running gas lines, features of the pool deck and equipment pads) the logic stands that the 8' barrier recommendation extend the full length of the pool, the future machinery for the bubble and upper parking lots.

We kindly request that the barrier be extended to account for noise from the future bubble inflation equipment and upper parking lot and/or that an additional noise study is done to analyze this additional noise.

We have also reviewed the letter from Emily Sullivan of the Conservation office regarding wetland delineations and buffers. According to her letter "the overflow parking is partially within the 100ft wetlands buffer, but outside of the 50 foot buffer". Upon review of the Massachusetts wetland protection act, <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR->

[1000-wetlands-protection-act-regulations#downloads](#), we do not see that parking areas are an allowed exception for a 50ft buffer. If we are misreading the language in these documents, please clarify. We have concerns that parking could create the leaking of dangerous car fluids into the wetlands, and that such exception to the rule will set a precedent for similar future exceptions to other town wetlands.

Thank you,
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