

TOWN OF HINGHAM



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Re: Site Plan Review – Panek Donuts LLC 315 Lincoln Street+

Date: June 14, 2019

The Hingham Police department has been involved in several preplanning meetings with the representatives of this project and has input to some of the issues and changes that have occurred to get to the submittal stage of the plans. It has been a mutually co-operative group to work with.

Lincoln Street (Rt.3) has always been a heavily travelled street during the commuting week and during the summer beach times. Communities south of Hingham continue to grow in population and there has been a very large growth of living spaces in the proposed area of this proposed site. Experience has taught me that motorists will always find the easiest way to travel regardless of the turning restriction we place on them. We recently had an accident that occurred from a vehicle making a left turn into the existing site and using the emergency fire exit from Avalon 2 to enter the Avalon development. There is a no left turn into Amesbury drive when traveling south on Lincoln St. Rt.3A. These turning movements may actually be more likely to occur not during the commuter hour but during the off hours when we know the speed exceed the 42 mph 85th percentile speed.

While I am not in opposition to this plan I feel we need to make all efforts to make this as safe as possible. Lincoln Street Rt3A also serves as a welcome point to people entering town on Rt.3A and from the commuter boat. Below is a list of concerns and suggestion regarding this project:

- The Intersection of Lincoln Street and Fottler road should be included in the study. That will be used as the reverse direction turning movement in the proposed site. That was part of the reason it was included in the Avalon 2 project.
- During Avalon project design considerable efforts were made to bring power to the shipyard underground. The effort was to avoid powerline crossing over Rt.3A and improve the streetscape
- Internal traffic signs and no exit signs should be reviewed and the most effective signage should be used. The plans currently call for Company Logos displays.
- Will there be any painted "No Left Turn "warnings on the southbound lanes.

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- All restrictive traffic movements must be properly vetted through the Mass DOT so they are enforceable by the Hingham Police Department.
- Delivery of materials and dumpster service should be compliant with all town By Laws.
- We would expect there will be construction plans regulating deliveries, parking and site storage as well updates with the various town board during construction.

We may have additional comments as the projects goes through the various stages and plans may change. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

Glenn A. Olsson

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