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To: Hopedale Planning Board <PlanningBoard@hopedale-ma.gov>

Subject: 75 Plain Street

To Whom It May Concern,

I am contacting you with regard to the proposal for a warehouse at 75 Plain Street (oh how you must be tired of hearing about it! ☺). I live on Plain Street and I would like to illustrate a point that I could not make at the last meeting regarding noise and the disruption it will cause.

The sound study that the Applicant presented does not accurately reflect the noise that we will have to endure should the proposal be granted. Right now, although our house has a good-sized front yard, we are acutely aware when a large truck passes on Plain Street. It actually does not happen often so it is not an issue but we can also clearly hear a box truck or fast moving pickup truck even with the doors and windows closed. 18-wheelers driving by will literally be loud enough to rattle windows. The idea that this will happen around the clock every day represents a serious hardship for those of us who live there, a hardship that did not exist when we bought our homes and one that will make spending time in our front yard very unpleasant. I am also concerned about the proposed traffic light that will lead to significant numbers of cars and trucks backed up and idling in front of our house. In addition to adding more noise and distracting lights, we will also undoubtedly find it difficult to turn left out of our own home during shift changes and peak times. That too is an obvious hardship.

I should also address a comment made and repeated by the Applicant at the last meeting. He stated that the street is already zoned for industrial use and, as such, we are already living with issues similar to the ones being raised by the community. This is disingenuous at best. The business parks on Plain Street do not resemble in any way what is proposed in this project. No warehouses, no overnight trucks, and no heavy 18-wheelers passing by with any regularity at all. The applicant also mentioned how the airport creates noise that we all have to endure. This is simply untrue. The airport has very little air traffic and the small planes that do come out of there do not disrupt the community and never have in the 7 years we have lived in our home. A truck in front of our homes is much louder than a small plane flying overhead. In short, the proposed project will drastically alter the living conditions on Plain Street and others and that seems in conflict with allowable use.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my comments as I am unable to attend the meeting on the 23rd.

Mike Hyland
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