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To: Rebecca Kaplan
Subject: Maguire HAP - safety concerns

To: DRB members

We have been living at 2149 Hinesburg rd - directly across the street from the proposed HAP for 17 years. We believe we are the best folks on the planet to be suited to discuss the possible safety risks of constructing a double lane access road on the south side of Hinesburg rd.

For the following reasons we feel the proposed entrance is unsafe, especially considering 20 units of elderly drivers.

- Heavily trafficked truck route heading East and West (far more so than Spear st.)
- The lack of ability of eastbound traffic to stop after cresting the hill
- Add snow to the equation and simply exiting said entrance on the middle of the hill has been very difficult
- exacerbating the challenge of stopping
- There have been countless times we were not able to enter the driveway (heading east) because a car behind was too close to show down safely. Many times we have simply driven to the Spear street intersection and turned around to enter our driveway from an easier angle.
- The current protocols on sitelines and distances to enable "marginally safe" entry and exit from road sidings are troubling. We feel our experience eclipses that of some distance protocol (not to mention the likely ages and driver abilities of the folks that will be utilising said intersection.
- A more comprehensive traffic study is needed, focused on school travel (morning 7am-9am) & nighttime
- ELDERS - Consider the reason for road - elderly housing 20-40 drivers (issues with impaired vision, etc)

In regards to the parking lot to the North side of Spear st (across from Jackson Hill rd) we feel they should start with a smaller number of parking spaces, and simply park along the grass areas if more parking is needed. In the event there needs to be more parking it will be easily added.

Sincerely,

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