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To: Freightway; Mayor; Donna Conkling
Subject: Freightway Proposed Development

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My name is Sandra Coakley and I live at 20 Edgewood Road, I am writing today to express my concern about the proposed development.

I attended the meeting on December 11th, but I did not share my opinion as I felt the people that spoke expressed my sentiment.

I understand that this development is trying to improve the community, but adding 220 - 285 apartments does not achieve this.

The survey completed by the community (which I did not see when it was circulated) did not list residential units as something the community wanted.

Please listen to the community, we want parking and entertainment and restaurants.

Building very large residential units in the heart of the village, in my opinion will look worse than the existing freight way parking structure. It seems in order to get a new parking garage for free we have to give up so much, it is in the developers best interest to have a large amount of apartments so they can recoup their investment, they are the only people wanting this huge amount of residential units.

I have 2 boys in Edgewood and I am concerned with over crowding and rezoning. We do not need a massive influx of kids. The education in Scarsdale is why the majority of people live here please preserve it.

At the meeting a gentleman noted that Scarsdale could get a bond for 30 years at 2.5%, I would much prefer if Scarsdale was in control of the development and include what the community needs, not what a developer needs to make it worth their investment.

Why is there only 3 options, a 220 unit residential development, a 285 development or repair the garage? What about outdoor space, or an indoor pool for the community, an ice rink, (my boys do not play hockey) or a number of other entertainment options which would be good for the community. I did like the Theater option in the proposed developments.

Why do we only have 2 developers, where is the information on the others, and why were they eliminated? Also, why these 2 developers, one with 11 violations in Heathcoat from the building department, the other that has had 4 fires in their projects in the last few years.

I did not appreciate LCOR/East End implying their plan was better because they were fortunate enough to own the buildings adjacent to the site. The fact that they own the adjacent site should not be a reason to pick a developer.

Taxes - we need to be sure that the community benefits from this development from a tax point of view. But it seems since the apartment tax rate is lower single family homes will be subsidizing the education of the people living in apartments.

Traffic - if you add 500+ people to the village there will be more traffic, this need to be looked at.

Parking - it is difficult to find parking in the village times and adding more commercial space, be it restaurants or shops will require a lot more parking.

Train - I do not take the train but my friends are concerned about over crowding on the platform.

I urge you to reject Avalon Bay and LCOR/East End proposals. The community does not want either of these. If you are in doubt about what the community wants please put it to a vote.

thank you,
Sandra Coakley