

October 23, 2020

Mr. Jeremy B. Ginsberg
Planning and Zoning Director
Town of Darien
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820

Subject **Summary of Traffic Review Status – Proposed 7-Eleven Convenience/Gas Station,
306 Boston Post Road, Darien, Connecticut**

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

It is my understanding that the continuation of the public hearing scheduled for next Tuesday evening, October 27th, will not include a continued discussion of the traffic aspects of the proposed modifications to the site to include the construction of a 7-Eleven Convenience Store and Gas Station. Tentatively, the continuation of the traffic discussion on this Application will occur on November 10th.

To date, following the first night of the public hearing, I had one discussion with the Applicant's Traffic Consultant, McMahon Engineers and Planners, to discuss an appropriate response and additional analyses required by the Applicant to address the concern of the STOP sign controlled intersection of Boston Post Road at Birch Road. This intersection is located to the immediate west of the Subject Property and was not included in the original Traffic Study. To respond to this comment and concern to potential impacts to this intersection I suggested that the Applicant conduct turning movement counts at this intersection during the same weekday morning and weekday afternoon peak periods, which match the time periods included in the Traffic Study for the site access drive and the intersections to the immediate east of the site frontage and specifically the intersections for Interchange 13 to and from Interstate 95 southbound lanes.

Due to the pandemic conditions, the new traffic counts at the Birch Road intersection will need to be adjusted following the same criteria the Applicant used to adjust the Interchange turning movement volumes to represent a pre-pandemic 2020 baseline traffic condition.

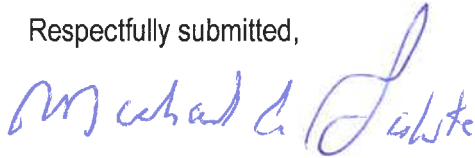
Once this is completed, the Applicant would add its site traffic to the Birch Road intersection and complete analyses for an existing, no-build and build condition to determine potential impacts and potential for mitigation at this intersection, if appropriate.

Yesterday, a response letter dated October 22, 2020, was received by the Town and provided to our office from McMahon, which includes responses to comments from our September 17, 2020 review letter. We

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will review this document and its responses and provide any comments back to the Town and the Applicant prior to the November meeting so that they can respond to or provide additional, as necessary, to any comments we may have.

Respectfully submitted,



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