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Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy
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To: DarienPZC
Cc: Stevenson, Jayme
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From: Jillian Passione <jpass223@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy
Subject: Proposed Amendments to Darien Zoning Regulations (COZR #4-2020), Business Site Plan Application #128-B, Special Permit Application #314, 7- Eleven, Inc., 306 Boston Post Road

Hello -

My name is Jillian Cordi and I am a resident of Villager Pond. About .5 miles from the proposed location of the 24-hour 7-11.

I learned from a local group that there is discussion around replacing the current Duchess Restaurant with a 24 hour 7-11 and gas station. I am writing to you as a resident who strongly opposes this move for a number of reasons:

- 1) There is no need for an additional 12 pump gas station right off an already incredibly busy highway exit and Post road. Especially given there are 2 major rest stops off I-95 1/2 mile away.
- 2) 24 hour anything in a small town like Darien encourages patrons at all hours of the day and night. There is no need for a 24 hour convenience store in town. This will only encourage transient visitors in the late hours when this part of town is already seeing an uptick in car break-ins. My husband and I have had this issue.
- 3) The addition of another national chain will impact the many small businesses in town. Namely Griebs, Dock Shop, and Darien News.

I highly encourage you rethink this project, as I will be personally unhappy with such an eyesore in our already beautiful town.

With thanks,

Jillian

Ginsberg, Jeremy

From: Noreen Kennedy <noreen.kennedy@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:25 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy
Subject: Business Site Plan Application #128-B, Special Permit Application #314, 7- Eleven, Inc., 306 Boston Post Road

Dear Mr. Ginsberg,

First, thank you for your time and energy volunteering for the P&Z. I cannot begin to imagine the hours that must consume, and here I am adding to your work.

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed 7-Eleven/gas station development at 306 Post Rd. I do not understand why we would want or need a 24 hour gas station in Darien, especially since the highway rest stops are located very close to the location of the proposed 7-Eleven. Since the Post Rd traffic lights switch to flashing at 9pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends, I think it is safe to say that most Darien residents are not in need of gas in the middle of the night.

Beyond that, the area around exit 13 is already congested and unsafe with traffic backing up on the Post Rd and then out onto 95. Adding a high volume business to that location would create unbearable amounts of traffic and would serve to discourage customers from visiting nearby businesses due to the traffic they would encounter while attempting to drive to the nearby stores.

I live on the opposite side of town, but would still hate to see this business move in and create move havoc in an already congested location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Noreen Kennedy
7 Wilson Ridge Road

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From: Barbara Paul <barbaradmpaul@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:52 AM
To: DarienPZC; Ginsberg, Jeremy; Doneit, Fred; Porretta, Martha; Stevenson, Jayme
Subject: Vote NO to 7-11 proposal

All
We sat in on your P&Z meeting last night ...
Villager Pond Condominiums has 38 households on the Post Road near the proposed 7-11.
We are all taxpayers.
We ask P&Z to VOTE NO for the following reasons:

A. CRIME and the type of riff raff/out of towners from Norwalk and Bridgeport and I95/ that frequent a 7-11.

The 7-11 speaker, Mr. Mills, discussed how they plan to protect their store from crime...
The more important point is about protecting OUR assets at this end of town from the type of people that will frequent the store.

We have already had stolen cars and vandalism in Villager Pond and Darien.

We do NOT need more stolen cars and crime that a 7-11 will create.

Tell P&Z NO... that we don't want more crime in Darien.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convenience_store_crime

<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/crime/7-eleven-robbery-uniondale-1.43689485>

https://www.pilotonline.com/news/crime/article_2ed7361f-f840-527b-92a0-ba3fb83dee1f.html

<https://abc7ny.com/melville-7-eleven-suffolk-county-shoplifter-killed/6689530/>

<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/ny-shoplifter-dies-long-island-7-eleven-20201001-ozvhr2gsbbg4t1fp5lpbhmsjae-story.html>

B. Why our end of town? Why Darien at all?

I bet P&Z wouldn't entertain putting a 7-11 on Pear Tree Point or Hollow Tree Ridge Rd or Echo Drive or Nichols St.

As Mr. Olnaney of P&Z said in the meeting-"he doesn't live at this end of town". Well WE DO....and we object.

Also-- why are we even putting this type of vendor in Darien at all? We have always had pride in no fast food, no McDonalds, etc...why the sudden change? This will ruin the integrity of Darien.

Put the store in NORWALK or STAMFORD or BRIDGEPORT.

It doesn't belong in our town.

C. Traffic

Huge increase in traffic at this end of town...most will be strangers and non-Darien residents.

D. The proposal has TWELVE gas/fuel bays

Has anyone looked at the EPA issues of gas leaking into Good Wives River?

If we already have 7 gas stations at this end of town(including a HandiStop and Gas directly across from the proposed site)--plus two huge gas stations on I95...what do we need 12 more gas bays for??

E. Lights 24 hours a day

If DarienP&Z votes down lights for baseball fields, and says" no" to lights on a local tennis court...why does 7-11 get to light up an area the size of an airport with bright lights 24/7??

We ask P&Z to VOTE NO.

Barbara Paul
21 Norman Lane
Villager Pond, Darien
c:914-419-6571

Ginsberg, Jeremy

From: meg walsh <megwalsh168@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 12:02 PM
To: DarienPZC; Ginsberg, Jeremy; Doneit, Fred; Porretta, Martha; Stevenson, Jayme; Olvany, Stephen; Leahy, Jennifer; Rand, James; Gately, Cara; Reilly, George; meg walsh
Subject: P&Z Committee on 7-11 proposed project

To whom it may concern at the P&Z committee,
Please vote NO for the 7-11 proposed project. We do NOT need this in Darien. It will bring unwanted riff raff - more traffic - NOT an attractive site / building to add to our beautiful Darien. I thought the town was going through a renovation. This is NOT what we want. We do not need all of these strangers and additional traffic. 12 gas fuel bays we do not need. We have plenty of gas stations. The heavy lights - if the P&Z votes down lights for baseball fields they need to vote No on 7-11 project. It will be an eye sore to Darien. I cannot even believe that you would consider it.

We have had enough issues at Villager Pond with cars being stolen and vandalism we do not need to add another problem such as 7-11. You must be insane if you think anyone wants this added to Darien!!! You are ruining the town.

VOTE NO FOR THE 7-11 PROJECT

Kathleen M Walsh
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Darien, CT 06820
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From: Janice Hawed <jdhawes46@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 1:45 PM
To: DarienPZC
Cc: Ginsberg, Jeremy; Doneit, Fred; Porretta, Martha; Stevenson, Jayme
Subject: 7-11 in Darien

VOTE NO!!!

Mr. Olivany- I understand that you commented "I do not live on that side of town." Well, I do and have great concern about putting in a 7-11 where Duchess restaurant is now.

•It is so difficult to safely make a left hand turn out of the Duchess parking lot. Post Road (US 1) is a nightmare when 95 North or South has an accident or rush hour. What traffic study has been done?

•When I think of a 7-11, I think of running in for milk, a cup of coffee or a slurpee, a lottery ticket, and people hanging around in a parking lot.
Let's support our local grocery stores and the many gas stations and coffee and juice bars we already have here in town. We don't need gatherings in parking lots. Who would go in a 7-11 with people hanging outside?

Corbin District with David Genoese is working hard and with style to keep Darien the town it should be.

•I remember a Darien police officer who was shot and sadly killed at that location. Could it be easy access to I-95?

•Crime (car theft, robberies and vandalism) is already on the increase in Darien. We don't need more transient traffic to our town. Traffic lights change to blinking lights well before 11:00 pm.

Please keep our town safe and support our local stores by not adding a store that does not fit in the town.

Again, VOTE NO.

Janice Hawes
Villager Pond Condominiums
Darien, CT
(see Mr. Olivany I do live on this end of town)

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From: Mike Lorelli <mklorelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 2:25 PM
To: DarienPZC; Ginsberg, Jeremy; Doneit, Fred; Porretta, Martha; Stevenson, Jayme
Cc: geyerstwo@gmail.com; lssdarien@optonline.net; ppacifico@pacificolaw.com; dviegas@delafieldgroup.com; ritabailey@aol.com; wstvprn@aol.com; 'Barbara Paul'; Mike Lorelli; 'Marcela Londono'
Subject: Proposed 7/11

I am a concerned Darien resident, resident since 1978, and very concerned about the proposed 7/11 replacing Duchess.

1. I first heard of this one day ago, by way of our condo complex
2. I attended last Nights' Zoom call for one hour (I had another zoom at 9:00 PM, my loss)
3. I was concerned that in the first one hour, it was not even mentioned. I am concerned about the priority it is being given.
4. A fellow neighbor stayed on the call and reported that you had only had one letter

So here are my issues:

It doesn't seem that that has any benefit to Darien. More specifically:

1. We already have three gas stations in Noroton, the Gulf on the West side of town, and the Chevron, BP, and Mobil on the East side. There is never a line at any of the seven
2. We already have the following convenience-type stores:
 1. Noroton on the Post Road (I don't know the name)
 2. Two by the Darien train station
 3. The Mobil by exit 13
 4. The two of the 3 stations in Noroton, by Equinox

So of what unfulfilled benefit to residents would this serve? I assume you've given this study and can advise of your answer. I'd appreciate a response.

Has the town conducted any type of environmental review about having a new set of 8 gas pumps, and affiliated traffic/ trucks/ overnight truck parkers, and the obvious sexual predators that this type of trucker rest stop invariably brings.

I would appreciate a response to these questions, and would be more than pleased to meet or Zoom with the Selectpeople.

I care about our town a lot.

It did not appear that this agenda item had any importance last night.

Kindly let me know. Thanks for taking the time.

Michael K. Lorelli and I'm more than pleased to take a call at 203 253-1238
CEO

Mike Lorelli

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my deep concern regarding the proposed development of a 24 hour 7-11 on post road at the current duchess location. I have been a resident of point o woods road south for 20 years and believe this will have significant adverse impact to the safety of the neighborhoods that are in close proximity to the location.

What measures can we take to stop this development?

Thank you,
Missy DeAngelis

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