

Ginsberg, Jeremy

From: Jane Glassmeyer <janiewatson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy; Stevenson, Jayme
Subject: Proposed 7-eleven by exit 13

Dear Mr Ginsberg and Ms. Stevenson,

I am writing to you to voice my concern about the proposed 24 hour 7-eleven that would be built in the current Duchess location. Already, turning left onto the Post Road coming out of Birch Road is a daily risk, to say the least. We have lived at on home on Woods End Road for over 13 years, and the traffic and congestion has gotten so much heavier over the years. The addition of a 7-eleven would create even more traffic and would be putting residents in this area at even more risk of harm. Darien has always been very thoughtful of the businesses they have allowed, and I hope you will have the same foresight when considering this application.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Ginsberg, Jeremy

From: Tonia Barringer <falconer@optonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy
Subject: 711 Proposal

To whom it may concern,

We live on Maywood Road and are very concerned about the proposal to build a multi gas pump 7-11 on the Post Road where the current Duchess site is.

It is already very difficult to exit from Birch Road and Richmond Drive to access the Post Road and I-95. Traffic coming from town is heavy and traffic coming from Norwalk is even heavier and now divided to two lanes, making the Post Road lane into one lane. It's very awkward to exit Richmond and cross to get onto 95 or head to Norwalk as it is. Exiting Birch is very difficult as the traffic is funneled to one lane. Returning home is a dangerous left turn w oncoming traffic.

The only other option is to take West Norwalk Road, which means traveling in the opposite direction to access the Post Road. There is no light and one can sit for quite a while before getting onto the Post road. Not only that, but cars travel at a tremendous speed coming down West Norwalk Road.

We question the need for yet another gas station in a section of Rte 1 that has so many already. And an all night store certainly will do nothing to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

I hope that you will consider our concerns. This is simply too complex a traffic pattern at this juncture of the Post Road and will invite even more traffic, illegal U-turns and endanger residents trying to access local businesses.

Thank you,

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Ginsberg, Jeremy

From: Sonia O'Connor <scoconnor2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Ginsberg, Jeremy
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Development of 7 Eleven on the Post Road

Dear Mr. Ginsberg,

My name is Sonia O'Connor. I live on Birch Road with my husband and three boys. We have lived here for over 11 years. It is a wonderful street and neighborhood with lots of families and young children. You will always find kids playing at their neighbors homes across the street, or down the street, or in their own driveway or front yard. I am writing to express our considerable opposition to the proposed 7 Eleven gas station development on the Post Road.

Two constants during our time on Birch Road have been increasing traffic and speeding cars. We, and other residents, have repeatedly expressed our concerns about speeding cars to First Selectman Stevenson and the Darien Police Department. We already have two speeds humps to address speeding issues but were still in correspondence with Capt. Robert Shreders this past September about adding more. As our street is a cut through between the Post Road and Brookside Avenue, the issue of vehicular traffic is nothing new. Traffic apps, such as Waze and Google maps, have added to the trip counts on Birch Road by identifying it as a cut through between 95 and the Merritt Parkway - when 95 is backed up there is a parade of cars coming onto Birch Road from the Post Road. The addition of a 7 Eleven would no doubt increase the number of cars on our street. Similarly, the addition of a 7 Eleven would make turning onto the Post Road from Birch Road more difficult and hazardous. Cars heading west on the Post Road already often behave like it is a two land road, making a left turn onto the Post Road from Birch Road a treacherous proposition. With an increased number of cars making a left into the proposed 7 Eleven there is likely to be cars passing them on their right, exacerbating this problem.

In addition to traffic and speeding cars, the Birch Road neighborhood has experienced several incidences of car break ins. In conversations with police the proximity of the neighborhood to I-95 was noted as a key reason why the area is an attractive target for crimes like this. Needless to say, 7-Eleven's own admissions about the frequency and nature of the crime issues their 24 hour stores face was alarming in this context. The proposed development will bring more crime to a neighborhood that was already an attractive target.

In conclusion, the proposed development of the 7 Eleven, 24 hour gas station/convenience store would be a **detriment** to our neighborhood and town. For the safety and well-being of all our residents, please oppose the development of 7 Eleven.

Kindly,
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