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November 1, 2024

Ladies/Gentlemen

Westport Planning and Zoning Commission

Town of Westport

110 Myrtle Avenue #203

Westport, CT 06880

I am writing regarding the application by Andy Soumelidis submitted on October 22nd 2024 for a proposed two lot subdivision of 11 Edgemarth Hill Road and would respectfully request that the application be declined for the following reasons.

I have been the owner of 15 Edgemarth Hill Road, next door to the applicant's property since 1993. It is a quiet private road that has been maintained by owners on the Hill. The road is very narrow, and over the years, as larger houses were built and occupied by families with multiple children, traffic on the Hill has become increasingly busy. There is limited parking for visitors who resort to parking alongside the road; the vehicles of tradesmen and lawn service providers routinely park along the road, occupying significant space; and in winter with snow ploughing and banks of snow on either side of the road, it has become a challenge for homeowners to get in and out. A subdivision will increase the traffic on this narrow road and worsen the congestion.

My house is situated on top of the hill adjoining #11 where the road is steep and takes a turn. On many occasions, cars and trucks, unable to make the turn due to the narrowness of the road, have driven on my lawn or backed into my driveway to make the turn, causing damage to my driveway, front lawn, post box and garden fences. See photos attached. The proposed subdivision and additional traffic on our narrow road will aggravate the problem and potentially cause increased damage to my property. Already, the dumping of piles debris on the south side of my property is unsightly and unacceptable.

Safety on the hill has become an issue with the increased traffic over the years. Of particular concern are the school children, many of whom walk up the hill after being dropped off by

school buses at the corner of Greensfarms Road and Edgemarth Hill.

Edgemarth Hill has been faced with the challenge of runoff water and drainage issues, especially when it rains. Residents are working on remediating the problem. Adding any more impervious surfaces like the proposed driveway would exacerbate the existing stormwater drainage problem.

Finally, a subdivision will destroy the country charm and character of the neighborhood. Edgemarth Hill has for decades been a quiet residential cul-de-sac with a rural ambiance that is safe for children and free from heavy traffic and congestion. A subdivision at # 11 would irreparably change the neighborhood. The addition of a proposed driveway to accommodate a subdivision would contribute to the adverse change.

Sincerely,

Tania Souza

15 Edgemarth Hill Road















