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Proposed Dog Daycare at 275 Washington Street

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Hello,

My name is Rita Verney and I live on Wilson Road, Franklin MA. It has been brought to my attention that there has been a proposal to open a Dog Daycare at 275 Washington Street. I am concerned about the traffic that this type of business will bring to the area. This area of Washington Street has seen a substantial increase in traffic of the past year, with new warehouses, and the Charter School. I feel very strongly that the increase in traffic will significantly impact Washington Street, as well at the neighborhood directly across the street. We are a small neighborhood, with a lot of children living in it. The Bus Stop for school is directly across from the entrance to this area and there are NO sidewalks. Washington Street has had its challenges with people driving too fast on it, and increasing the number of cars on the road will only add to this problem. It was also brought to my attention that there was never a traffic/pedestrian study conducted when this facility was built. The understanding is that this is Wet land area, and in the past Conservation did not want a horse farm built on the property because of how it would affect the wetlands. I would like the Conservation Commission to weigh in on the impact that all potential businesses would bring to this area. My understanding is that this was zoned for Light Industrial so the traffic will be minimal and therefore a traffic study was not warranted. I also want to mention the Noise that such a business will bring to the area. 65 Dogs barking regularly is a nuisance.

If you approve this type of business, it will be difficult to not grant others in the future that could impact the traffic to an even greater extent.

Lastly, it is also my understanding that leaving that facility requires a right turn only. If that is the case, the neighborhood that includes, Taft Road, Teri's Way, and Wilson Road will be used as a turn around point for vehicles that need to go in the opposite direction, also potentially putting young children at risk and impacting traffic in a small neighborhood.

I ask that you deny this proposal and, in the future, keep this structure for use to LIGHT Industrial only.

Thank you

Rita Verney