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Subject: Stobbart Property, 40B proposed development - March 27th ZBA meeting

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Message

Dear Mr. Hunchard, Mr. Acevedo, and Ms. Lang,

As residents of Franklin for more than 20 years, we would like to express our concerns regarding the proposed 40B development of the massive Stobbart property off Route 140. Because our house is on the eastern side of town, we rely on getting through the intersection of Route 140 and King Street, often several times a day. Over the last 20 years, development has especially increased in the section of Route 140 from that key intersection, all the way east to the Wrentham line. As you know, the only east - west corridor in Franklin is Route 140. May we please urge the town to conduct a traffic study, counting all vehicles that travel Route 140 in both directions, 24/7, for at least seven days?

Some nearby towns, also stuck with one primary corridor, are instructive of what we hope does NOT happen to Franklin. Driving through both Medfield and Westwood on very congested Route 109 is challenging to say the least. If traffic continues to worsen in Franklin, driving will become more and more unpleasant. This will start a slide in which residents increasingly avoid key streets in town. When that happens, local businesses, so worthy of our support, may begin to see a downturn in their revenue. Since this is a "Friendly 40B" proposed development, it makes little sense to allow a significant increase in density that would cause permanent negative effects on the residents of Franklin.

Thank you very much for your time.

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unpleasant. Even local businesses, so worthy of our ecome Quality of life begins to slide when conducting shopping, basic errands,

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