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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:58 AM
To: Barrett, Jon <JBarrett@a2gov.org>
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Subject: Opposition on ZBA18-004/440 Highland Road

Dear Mr. Barrett,

We would like to submit an opposition to appeal #ZBA18-004 for the dwelling at 440 Highland Road. In addition to this letter, we also plan to be in attendance at the meeting scheduled for this evening. The property is a corner lot with two frontage which is proposed as the challenge for the home owners. As a homeowner also on a corner lot, I am very familiar with the challenges and the rationale for the two frontages.

The owners are proposing an addition including walkways, a porch, and a detached car port. The owners report water drainage issues as the need for these alterations. I fully understand the need to address grading and drainage issues to prevent water in their home. However, to address this problem none of the above additions are necessary as the home already has a safe walkway and entrance to the home as well as an attached garage.

My primary concern is the safety hazard imposed by the proposed alteration of only allowing a 5 ft set back in an area with sidewalks and a cul de sac that are heavily trafficked with children and adults.

Larger concern is that this enclosed shelter allows for animals or people to reside in a hidden location in very close proximity to pedestrians. If either an animal or human opted to dart out of the enclosed shelter with minimal visibility, there would be no opportunity for that individual to leave the area safely. There are a growing number of children, many who are school age, in this neighborhood who walk to school and ride bicycles in this area. In addition, there are often students and non-residents of the area who park on this street and use the sidewalks. The proposed car port places an unacceptable hazard by the greatly limited set back from public spaces.

I am not opposed to regrading that may be necessary to mitigate water issues for this dwelling.

Sincerely,
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