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1. I wish you would appreciate the fact it may be legal to have these virtual meetings and let the public send in comments via email or voicemail, but having a virtual meeting just because you can, doesn't mean you should. In order to facilitate a more productive and active discussion which allows for an actual dialogue between the public and the builders, an in-person, socially-distanced meeting is needed. Otherwise we are simply limited to a one question and done approach. An in-person socially-distanced meeting would allow for this conversation rather than one side having full control over questions and comments. Furthermore, people who are not computer literate or do not have access to computer nor internet cannot access this public hearing. Having a virtual meeting creates an implicit bias and does not allow for some members of the public to join.

2. Traffic sight lines by traffic experts were optimistic. The road has an arc and you need to be at the shoulder stripe to see any distance. Traffic in March 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic was less than normal when the sight lines were evaluated, due to more people working from home and businesses being closed. This March there was also less snow; this evaluation does not take into consideration snow piles in winter nor the growth of weeds in summer which can block the sight lines.

3. Has the traffic expert evaluated the speed of traffic? The police could sit and write speeding tickets all day long, but people driving 50-60mph is common and frequent on this road. This comes from my observation and experience of living here for 50 years.

4. The traffic expert who works for LAMP realty did not seem convinced of his evaluation's reliability. This zoning change should be tabled until the State of CT evaluates the traffic issue concerning Rt. 70 as it is a State road.

5. These two buildings are behemoths compared to all of the surrounding structures. It does not complement the neighborhood no matter how "residential" the architecture/design may be considered by the builders. They will be an eyesore for neighbors currently living near the lake who have to pay extra taxes simply for living near the water. These massive buildings will destroy the peace and tranquility of the area. I wonder if the builders/architect actually lived here and not in Stamford or Guilford if they would want this massive structure part of their neighborhood views? I think most certainly not.

6. Whatever sidewalks are included in the plan, are inadequate for children to wait for school buses. There is no proper area for children to wait for the school bus next to the busy road. It is also a dangerous area for city and school buses because the stopping point is out of the sight lines of drivers coming from behind on a road where drivers speed frequently.

7. There is barely enough parking for residents but there is little parking for visitors and no street parking.

Thank you for read my Email

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