

Town Clerk

From: Elizabeth Miller <geordiemiller2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Proposed Commercial Property

Dear Caroline Town Board,

I strongly urge you to move ahead with enacting a moratorium on commercial development in our town.

I am very much opposed to the proposed commercial use of the property on Route 79 near Landon Rd. I am a long time resident - I've lived very close to this location just off Route 79 for 30 years - and I have two main concerns.

First, I consider this usage to be an endangerment in terms of road safety. I know that in snow conditions serious accidents occur yearly at the intersection of Landon and 79. In addition, many driving on Route 79 are driving to or from the colleges, because it is a major artery used by students and parents. These people are often inexperienced drivers in snow and ice conditions, so any cars slowing down to turn in or exit the property in winter conditions would clearly increase the likelihood of serious accidents in our area. The incidence of accidents in general, whether in poor or good weather, would also likely increase.

Besides that, this proposed development clearly violates the pattern of choices people have intentionally made for years in this area. Our family and everyone else we know who lives here have chosen to settle and remain here because of the beauty of the peaceful, rural setting. A commercial enterprise, particularly one that's sizable enough to require a 30 car parking lot, would radically change this, because of the visual effect of the building alone, not to mention the effect of the lights and even noise.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Elizabeth Miller
65 Landon Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 592-3582