

Mr. Kenneth Kovalchik, AICP  
Town Planner  
Town of Guilderland Planning Department  
5209 Western Turnpike  
Guilderland, NY 12084

May 26, 2020

RE: Environmental Impact Statement  
Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue Mixed Use  
Redevelopment Projects

Dear Mr. Kovalchik and Members of the Town Planning Board:

I am a resident of McKownville and also on the McKownville Improvement Association Board. I refer you to the letter that the Association submitted and want to confirm that I am in agreement with this letter and **I am opposed to these developments.**

I thought that the goal of this process was to look at the environmental impact, but I feel that this project will have and already has had a **deleterious effect on the environment** in the region. When one looks at the impact of trees and foliage being cut and removed around Rapp Road, even before the review process is completed, it sends up a red flag to me that there is no respect for Town of Guilderland rules and limits. A good neighbor would not have taken that action.

There are many residents in the Westmere region, whose **homes will be impacted** or have been already. These residents along the Crossgates/Pyramid border, living on Westmere Terrace, Lawton Terrace, Centre Drive and Brooks Road, and homes within these regions will have their environment drastically changed and obliterated. **Once these actions take place, we cannot replace** a mature and beautiful tree or other foliage and wildlife. It is a shame, **and it will affect the property values** and also the quality of life of these residents.

**The traffic issue**, especially along Rapp Road and Western Avenue, **will be detrimental** to our communities and to the environment, plant and animal life in that area and surrounding areas.

**I question the value of building right now**, when we have spaces that will be open in Crossgates and other places as we all realign due to COVID 19.

**I respectfully oppose this development** and especially the way that it has been handled so far. I hope you will carefully consider the environment in your decisions.

Submitted on May 26, 2020

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