

Sagarino, Maria

From: Kathleen McGourthy <kmcgourthy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 9:51 PM
To: Sagarino, Maria
Cc: Chris Sullivan; rfioire007@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Project -Fellsway Development

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Maria,
Please distribute this letter to the Board of Appeals,

Dear Board of Appeals,

In reading through the information on your website about the application for the Comprehensive Permit for an additional 378 apartment units by Fellsway Development I have several questions and comments.

It appears that the Langan Traffic study from November of 2023 does not mention the intersection of Ravine Road and Fellsway East as part of their review. Additionally, the Vannasse and Associates Peer Review did not look at that intersection and the impacts that peak traffic exiting the project of 155 cars in the AM and 148 in the afternoon would have on that intersection. Another high crash intersection that was omitted was the Fellsway East and Pond Street interesting. This is currently listed as Stoneham's most dangerous intersection on the MassDOT crash data website, and is only a few hundred feet east of the Woodland and Pond St. intersection. I am concerned about the impacts on these two intersections and would like to ensure that traffic safety and calming mitigation is guaranteed for these two intersections. Can you ask for these intersections to be studied and a commitment for mitigation implemented to improve them before additional cars are added to them?

I also noticed that recently the DCR was planning to put a roundabout on [Woodland Road](#) near the Friendly's intersection. Is that something that is still being planned? I would like to urge you to petition the DCR to install roundabouts at the two interactions noted above as well as important improvements before more development takes place. The DCR lists this and other types of traffic calming measures in their 2020 Parkway Vision Plan [here](#): I also noticed that DCR engaged a company called Beta to develop some plans for Woodland Road as described [here](#). I don't have access to these designs, do you have any information about this? In any case, I urge all stakeholders to work together to create a plan for the Parkways to improve the quality of life for all and accommodate this large housing project that is considered to be a sensitive environmental area that we need to protect for all to enjoy safely. Do you know the status of any DCR planned improvements for the area? Is the DCR considering improvements given the scope of this development?

I am excited that there is a committee working to create a bikeway around Spot Pond as shown [here](#). How can we ensure that we can obtain funding to make sure these improvements for pedestrians and cyclists happen in the near future? These improvements would help all residents live and work more safely in the area, especially if our population grows with the size and scope of the proposed development. Please implement specific conditions into any permit granted that ensure the safety and quality of life for all stakeholders and consider funding to ensure these plans happen.

I think the success of this project depends on all stakeholders working together to create a positive outcome for all.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McGourthy
14 Ravine Road
Melrose, MA