

Oaktree Development of Mugar Site

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Dear Conservation Commission Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision by the OakTree Developer to disregard the request for installing and monitoring groundwater wells on the Mugar site in Arlington.

This refusal directly conflicts with the stipulations outlined in the ZBA's Order of Conditions in the Comprehensive Permit.

Both Scott Horsley and Hatch, esteemed experts in hydrology and peer reviewers, have raised legitimate questions about the validity of the groundwater data provided by the Developer. Given these concerns, it is imperative for the Conservation Commission to ensure that accurate and reliable data is obtained, particularly during the spring months when the seasonal high groundwater is at its peak.

The refusal of the Developer to comply with this critical request not only undermines the process but also potentially jeopardizes the environmental integrity of the area.

As a concerned member of the community, I urge the Conservation Commission to take necessary actions to hold the Developer accountable and ensure compliance with the required groundwater monitoring. As residents that live very close to the Mugar site, we can tell you that we pump a lot of water out of our basement. It would seem to make sense for them to have the most accurate information about how high the groundwater can rise.

The future well-being of our community and environment depends on these decisions. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
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