

June 28, 2016

Planning Board  
8 Newmarket Road  
Durham, NH 03824

*RE: Public Hearing Mill Plaza Redevelopment – 7 Mill Road. Design Review  
(continued to September 14, 2016)*

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

Some of you may have questioned whether the site plans for the proposed redevelopment of the Mill Plaza submitted to date provided adequate room for vendor deliveries to Hannaford and/or Rite Aid. I am writing today to provide relevant visual documentation that should be considered when evaluating any forthcoming plans.

Today about 9:00 A.M. I took photographs showing five (5) trucks parked at the same time between the two current buildings. The trucks (Coors beer; Keebler; Cardinal Logistics Management; plus two) were queued to deliver to Hannaford or Rite Aid. Presumably another truck (or two) was already at the loading dock behind the building.

See photographs on following pages.

Other observations:

- The positioning of vendor trucks at times impedes both pedestrian and vehicular easy passage, both on site and to access the path by the Grange.
- Idling / pollution: Often the trucks are kept running while parked, whether to maintain refrigeration cooling or for other reasons.

In addition, the Board wish to know that over the past several years a neighbor and I have logged the routine use of Faculty Road by a significant number of large delivery trucks, this despite the “no thru truck” sign at Mill Pond Road (which reflects a Town ordinance). Some do not meet the weight threshold of the ordinance. All large-truck traffic raises health and safety concerns for neighbors, as well as challenges the residential character of neighborhood. We have been assisted by the police department in trying to reduce this traffic. However, Chief Kurz has suggested that such traffic might increase with a redevelopment of the Plaza.

It would seem reasonable that the Board be provided with data that documents how any proposed site plan would accommodate simultaneous deliveries. Perhaps the applicant will be working with Hannaford’s and Rite Aid’s delivery schedules, which could also be shared with the Board?

In conclusion, operational management of deliveries is likely to continue to be a challenge both onsite and en route to the site.

Sincerely yours,

Robin

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