

67 Brush Hill Road
Sherborn, MA 01770

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Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Sherborn
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To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly object to the proposed housing development at 34 Brush Hill Road.

This proposed development poses significant problems and should be rejected by the Board for several reasons, including but not limited to:

1. **Ground Water and Drinking Water Wells:** The development threatens to overuse and reduce the water table, with potential contamination from construction chemicals and the addition of multiple septic systems in a small area.
2. **Traffic Load and Patterns:** The narrow, winding country road is already burdened by excessive industrial and passenger vehicle use, and the development would exacerbate this issue.
3. **Safety Risks:** Residents, including many seniors and young children, regularly use the road for recreation such as walking, biking, or horseback riding. They already face heavy traffic, speeding, and vehicular noise, which would only increase with the new development.
4. **Environmental Impact:** The development would negatively affect local wildlife, native flora (including mature, healthy forests), wetlands, and other important aspects of the scenic, rural environment.

The traffic situation on Brush Hill Road already poses a risk to pedestrians. The potential traffic impact of the proposed development would further exacerbate this problem. In recent years, Brush Hill Road has become a cut-through for drivers traveling from Western Avenue to Route 27 at the mouth of Hunting Lane. Early mornings and evenings now see a rush-hour of non-resident vehicles. We frequently encounter speeding landscaper trucks hauling trailers and commuters seeking shortcuts while walking our dog, creating a hazardous environment. The road is so narrow that cars often cannot pass each other without one pulling over. There is simply no room for the additional vehicles a multi-house development would bring. The turn-off for the proposed development is also extremely tight, posing further hazards for drivers and pedestrians.

We urge you to vote to reject the development at 34 Brush Hill Road. Thank you for considering our concerns.

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