

February 21, 2016

Attn: Scott Gustin

Dear Members of the Design Advisory Board:

We are residents at 26 Fletcher Place and have lived on this street for over 26 years. All of a sudden we are being bombarded by a huge proposed housing project by Frank Von Turkovich across the street and now by Martha Lang's proposed housing project which is next door to us. Having lived here for so long we exactly know the issues and how they will impact our neighborhood.

We are already dealing with noise from a rental property next door and other rental houses on our street. College Students are on a different time schedule than families with loud decibels outside at 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. that wake us up with their drunken behavior. With students having friends visiting it adds extra traffic on our dead end street.

Martha will not have enough parking for a project of that size and it will take away any additional parking on our street. As it stands now we never have parking when we have guests visiting our home. This limits our socializing and this problem will only get worse.

Renters/Students who live on this street have a relaxed sense of responsibility for trash. Yards are cluttered with junk, trash and recycling bins that get knocked over and it doesn't occur to them to pick it up.

We are also very concerned with the excavation for a building of this size which would displace the water tables in the area. We had never had any flooding in our yard or basement until the Fletcher Allen Hospital projects of the past few years. Now we have flooding in our basement and backyard that never existed when we first moved here in 1989. We know that with this project our yard and basement will be adversely affected as we are down hill from the project.

Our house is on the Vermont State Register of Historic Places and we don't want some unknown building that is designed for mass housing taking away from our beautiful historical home. There are also several other houses on our street that are in this registry. This house has been in our family for over four generations and it is shameful that we have to consider the possibility we would have to move.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns. We request that this email is posted on the Burlington Design Advisory Board's public website.

Sincerely,

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