

Dear Burlington Development Review Board:

I request to speak on the matter of case 21-0462CA/217-0455CA; 57 South Williams St. on Tuesday 15 Dec. 2020. I am an abutter at 71S William St., Unit 11, and serve on the Chelsea Mews Townhouse Homeowners Association Board.

We speak in favor of granting the renewal of the applicant's permit, if it is amended as noted due to the following findings:

1. When this permit was initially considered, the abutters at 71 S. William St. proposed a physical barrier from the handlamps of the cars in the parking lot, and the plan thereafter included landscaping as the barrier to car headlamps.
2. After the permit was granted to build the addition, the parking lot was constructed and the applicant began using the parking lot. It became clear to the residents at 71 S. Williams St. that landscaping will be insufficient to block the impact of the headlamps of the cars in the parking lot, given the higher elevation of the parking lot as it has been built, and due to the location of living units at 71 S. Williams St.
3. The parking area was significantly elevated compared to the original grade of the lot, which causes the headlamps to point directly into bedroom windows and other living areas of the neighbors' homes.
4. Headlamps of the cars in the parking lot are so bright that landscaping will be insufficient to block the impact of the parking lot on the abutters at 71 S. William St.
5. A solid surface, 30" or greater guardrail, or a solid fence of 4', could be installed on the West and South sides of the parking area to mitigate this hardship to the abutters, providing a permanent, impervious barrier to the headlamps in the parking lot, in addition to the landscaping proposed in the current plan.
6. This solid guardrail or fence requirement would be an amendment to Article 6 Part 2 of the Site Plan Design Standards, subpart (m).

Please provide me with instructions for accessing the public meeting, and grant me the right to be heard. In the event that due to technology or some circumstance beyond my control that excludes my ability to attend and be heard at the meeting, please use the above findings as my testimony.

Respectfully,

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