

RE: Shingle Hill

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Dear Chairperson,

I am writing to express my concern about the Shingle Place Hill project's impact on our town.

I know I'm not the first Manchester citizen to point out the many threats the project poses to our community and way of life:

- For many years Manchester residents and visitors have enjoyed the conservation lands surrounding Shingle Hill, relying on its many trails to walk dogs, observe wildlife and simply get out in the wilds of Cape Ann. That experience is now in peril, as is the wildlife that makes the area its home.
- The water ways that drain from the watershed contiguous to the site of the project are a source for the town's Lincoln Street well. A development of this size will threaten the quality of our drinking water and that kind of damage is often irreversible.
- As an upper School Street resident for 34 years I have had witnessed growing traffic density that at times results in backups nearly to my driveway from the Pleasant Street stop sign. The traffic impact of a development of the proposed size will be considerable. I'm skeptical that the studies completed thus far are an accurate projection of traffic congestion that our small town can expect in the future from the proposed project.
- The site for the proposed project is clearly inappropriate for a structure of its size, and access to the site is so severely compromised that considerable blasting will be required to build necessary roading - blasting that will create noise, dust and traffic issues. Project renderings that have been produced indicate buildings that will dominate the landscape for miles around. At night, light pollution will create a hot spot that will similarly blight our town. The project is out of character with our community and our values.

I urge you and your fellow committee members to do everything in your power to block the Shingle Place Hill development.

Thanks for listening! - Nick de Sherbinin