

From: Ric Rogers <ricrogers71@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 11:10 AM

To: Sarah Mellish <ZBAChairperson@manchester.ma.us>; Gail Hunter <HunterG@manchester.ma.us>

Subject: Deny SLV 40B Development Application

Dear Manchester ZBA,

As an interested and engaged citizen of Manchester by-the-sea I urge the ZBA to take every appropriate action possible to stop the SLV 40B project for Shingle Place Hill.

I believe the project is ill conceived, and at odds with the very law it is exploiting to force the issue.

It is clear the developer is only considering the proposal as a method of profit-taking at the expense of our community. To that end, the SLV organization has been completely reticent in any effort at drafting a plan that any objective observer would consider safe, reasonable, or responsible. Quite honestly, even minimally appropriate considerations concerning the safety of the occupants the development intends to serve have been ignored. Similarly, other requirements relating to issues concerning the economics of the proposal, siting the units close to mass transit, or designing units in character of the local region have been given no quarter. The issue concerning safe drinking water and the irreparable harm to the ecosystem has been discussed at length, and while the State may have not responded to the argument during the petition process, it remains valid, and deserves to be resurfaced and forcefully defended. Once the natural resources are compromised (and this plan *will* compromise them) they cannot be restored. The extreme efforts to obfuscate these issues by SLV only show that there is no regard for the people or place of Manchester, or even Massachusetts as a whole.

It is clear the townspeople of Manchester have more of an interest in supporting the spirit of the 40B initiative than SLV does. We can and will meet that objective in a safe and legal manner. One that will prove beneficial to the community, the town, the state, and the environment. Not the SLV plan which will literally extract money, resources, and public safety from us all to serve the needs of a corporation.

Please use the tools at your disposal to stop this disastrous project.

Best Regards

Ric Rogers (30-year resident, and member of the Library Board of Trustees)

82 Old Essex Rd

Manchester, MA 01944