

April 5, 2021

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I would like to thank you for your continued diligence in reviewing the Amazon application. As I have stated in previous correspondence to the board as a resident of Gardner Street I am opposed to this project primarily based on concerns of increased traffic in the community. I was very troubled by the fact, that so late in the application process, Amazon changed the previously stated number of peak vehicular trips from 1, 200 to 1,600. That is a 30% increase and should give pause to anyone involved with this project to fully identify the impact of such a large scaled project in what is already a congested area.

I received a call from another resident of Gardner Street alerting me to the fact that on April 2, 2021 the town of Hingham agreed to accept a "gift" from Amazon should the application be accepted. I have been reviewing meeting notes and don't see this "gift" being noted in the past. I do hope the Chair, Mr. Ellis, will allow public comments on this agreement/ "gift" at upcoming meetings. I think it is imperative for the public to have sufficient notification of a "gift" by an applicant in front of the Planning Board so there is no appearance of a quid pro quo.

Again, I want to stress the community does **NOT** support this project. I do not see any letters in the Planning Board file of abutters, fellow tenants, or community groups who are in favor of Amazon. While I know Hingham is looking for novel ways to raise revenue I would strongly urge against the appearance that Hingham is taking a "gift" from an applicant to influence a vote. The safety of our roads is worth much more than 200G.

Respectfully,

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