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Subject: Sudbury Station and Traffic Safety and Volume

Dear Sudbury Police, Selectmen, Zoning Board, and whomever else this may concern,

My name is Jennifer Roberts, and I live at [14 Griffin Ln. in Sudbury](#).

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed Sudbury Station and traffic safety and volume at Sudbury's town center.

First as far as safety goes, I have had many incidents where I have felt unsafe pulling out of roads near the proposed intersection (out of Peakham and out of the 29 Sudbury parking lot). I am often in the car with my three young children at the time. Between the overall volume of cars and cars coming from multiple directions and access points, there are simply too many variables to weigh when turning into traffic. The thought of adding yet another major entryway with so many cars going in and out seems absolutely ridiculous, foolish, and shortsighted. I fear we as a community would have deep regrets and perhaps even tragedies.

As for volume, I regularly come down 27 to take a left onto Hudson to go towards the town center. For hours of the day in the morning and in the late afternoon traffic is backed far up on [27 and Hudson Rd](#) (near police station). The proposed development entrance will only add to this back-up. Sometimes I use old Lancaster Road as a workaround, but I know that this road was not intended for significant through traffic.

We all know we have major traffic problems at an intersection where thousands of children and teenagers in cars and on school buses pass each day. We need to keep our roads as safe as possible. I know the traffic safety reviewer for this project has said that the intersection meets minimum safety standards. I do not find this believable. Also, are minimum safety standards good enough for our town and for our children? Additionally, a simple look at documented accident counts does not consider the number of near-accidents that happen EVERY DAY and will likely result in actual accidents with another variable to consider in this area.

I fear that this developer will pressure us into making permanent changes to our town which will lead to serious consequences, safety issues, and major inconveniences for the town citizens.

I also find it unfortunate that some of these decisions are being made during the summer when the traffic situation is not quite as grave (but still very bad). Let's not forget how it is most of the year when school is in session.

I know you have heard from a lot of people on this topic. I also believe there are many other people who have not spoken up but are, instead, attempting to find other ways to avoid the town center such as going to other nearby towns to conduct business. Is this what we want for our town's economy? Or, like me, they are taking roads that are not intended for significant pass-through traffic.

I ask that you do what you can to keep our roads safe and prevent from adding to an already significant traffic safety and volume problem at our town center.

Regards,

Jennifer Roberts