

February 16, 2020

Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt
Town Hall
655 Main Street
Islip, New York 11751

Re: Proposed Rezoning of Bayview Ave, East Islip

I, _____ wish to voice my opinion to you on the proposed rezoning of 7 and 9 Bayview Avenue, East Islip on behalf of myself and my community. Currently, I reside at _____ . I along with many of my neighbors are actively gathering support in opposition to the proposed rezoning to the property and the development of senior housing.

We staunchly oppose the re-zoning of these previously noted parcels of land, because the Hamlet of East Islip and the current infrastructure is unable to support this type of growth in a safe way that also preserves the integrity our community.

Also, as taxpayers and residents, we are interested in what type of grants in aid, tax breaks or other incentives the Town have offered or may offer to the developer. We are not interested in funding any form of corporate welfare, especially when there is a strong possibility of wreaking havoc on our community.

Our current most compelling reasons include:

- The proposed zoning of 7 and 9 Bayview Avenue is incompatible with the surrounding properties. The residents in the surrounding area bought their homes with the current zoning in place. Changes to the zoning could have a negative impact on the resale value of their homes.
- Insufficient road infrastructure - Nearby intersections simply cannot handle the dramatic increase in traffic that will occur if the rezoning is permitted. Additionally, the Bayview Avenue and Main St. intersection, one lot from this property, does not function well and is a high-risk intersection for pedestrians due to the heavy traffic especially during lunch hour, rush hour, and during the summer months. This intersection is an active walking and biking route for neighborhood children to Brookwood Hall Park where fireworks and carnivals are enjoyed, not to mention the booming ice cream shop, Ralph's Famous Italian Ices. The significant increase in traffic flow at this intersection that will result from this rezoning is a notable risk to our children and other pedestrians.

Looking forward to hearing from you,