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Subject: Swett Road Retirement Community

As a resident of the section of Swett Road running from Route 202 to Pope Road my home abuts the proposed development referred to as Swett Road Retirement Community and I would like to express some concerns regarding the development. I realize that Windham is a growing community and that any parcel of land including this one is subject to development; however, I, along with many of my neighbors, am alarmed at the prospect of this particular project moving forward as it is proposed.

This area of Windham is zoned as farm-residential which requires I believe two acre lot sizes per housing unit. We have all lived here legally bound to adhere to that standard with the reasonable expectation that everyone else would be as well. This proposed project, though, with its sheer magnitude; close to ninety units crammed onto eleven acres, flies in the face of the standard on a scale none of us could have imagined. A development of this size is completely incompatible with the existing nature of the community and will be detrimental all around.

Here are some of the problems that immediately come to mind:

- #. Traffic on 202, especially entering and leaving the development.
- #. Degradation of water quality in the surrounding area including nearby wells. A project of the size proposed would create huge amounts of sewage and Windham has no sewerage, necessitating the use of on-site septic systems.
- #. Pollution of the stream running through the property. The development and maintenance of such a project will undoubtedly create massive amounts of polluting runoff that will find its way into the stream.
- #. Irrevocably altered community character. A project of this size would not blend in with the surrounding community but would completely overwhelm it. I can't help but think of some of the disastrous results of the old Urban Renewal projects.
- #. Reduced property values. It is hard to imagine that the impact of this development would not ultimately reduce the property value of the homes in the surrounding area.

While each of these issues deserves its own discussion, I will not do that here as I'm sure time is limited and others are waiting to speak. However, I do think that if the issues are given honest, unbiased consideration the conclusion would be that this project is far too big for this location and Windham would be making an irreversible mistake in allowing it to move forward. This developer, and all others, should meet the same standards the community has set forth and that we have all lived by for so many years.

Thank you, Steve Quinlan