

June 7, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals
Chairperson
ZBAchairperson@manchester.ma.us
(by email only)

Dear Madam Chairperson and other members of the ZBA:

I am a resident of Manchester. It is unusual for me to write a letter expressing my opinions on issues relating to this Town, but this time I feel compelled to speak out about my opposition to the proposed SLV project on Shingle Hill.

While I recognize that the 40B goals to provide affordable housing are legitimate, this proposed apartment complex is not the answer. Housing at Shingle Hill is completely out of sync with the surrounding area and will ruin the conservation experience for everyone, yet provide very little benefit in return. Any future resident of this complex is far removed from the heartbeat of the Town. There are no sidewalks for a resident to walk, and the fact that the proposed complex is located on the other side of Rt. 128 makes the lengthy walk into Town dangerous. We all know that if people are reluctant to walk, the next recourse is to drive, which will not only create major traffic headaches on the way to and from the beautiful conservation area, but will also create increased emissions to be inhaled by bikers and others using the area.

All in all, the idea of approving this complex is devastating to me. The conservation land adjacent to Shingle Hill is a pure joy. This land has been my solace since I moved to Manchester in 2014. It is the place I go to get peace and calm. Walking in the woods enables me to appreciate the wonders of nature, the sunlight on the hills, the wonder of spotting a bird, a deer, a frog or turtle. The silence of the woods is overpowering and beautiful. Shingle Hill will ruin this.

I urge all members of the ZBA to consider this proposal very carefully, and after doing so, that you reject the proposal outright.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan M. Poswistilo

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