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To: Sarah Mellish <ZBAChairperson@manchester.ma.us>

Subject: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Dear Chair Person,

I recently had a letter in the Cricket. Below is the letter. But first I would like to add some important points. The traffic and parking is overwhelmed. Our streets cannot handle the additional cars plus all the trucks during construction. We have a beautiful town and this would be an eyesore. Also, my concerns are the developer. They could care less about our town. It's all about the money. They lie and tell untruths. As said in my letter, there are towns in Massachusetts that can not tolerate a huge project such as proposed. There must be exceptions. I also heard that the a DPW person will be spearheading and be representing our town. That will be a disaster. Just look at School Street now. No signage or poor signage for detours. Residents don't have a clue what roads are closed. Would you hire these people? I doubt it.

This might have been covered. The developers should be responsible to pave School Street, including curbs and sidewalks. As it is now, they are really dangerous. Is there Bankruptcy Insurance? Developers are known to belly up in a changing economic period.

This whole process puts Manchester-by-the-sea in a very perilous position. It's not fair to all of us.

Please be strong and vote this down. There are alternatives.

Sincerely,

Betsy Kross.

### The Town's Future

In 1645, Manchester-by-the-Sea was incorporated. That's 136 years before we became the United States. Our roads and infrastructure are old and can not handle the population as is. What I'm trying to say many towns, include MBTS, are not suitable or able to conform the State's Affordable Housing regulations. SLV would be a disaster to this wonderful town. Traffic and Parking are horrific. Our sidewalks and roads are a mess. Potholes, lack of curbs, uneven sidewalks, especially on School Street, make it hard to walk on. Every time I walk my dogs I'm afraid of tripping or falling.

And, what happens, due to economical reason, the developer walks away from the project. Who is responsible for that? In a changing economy, many developers don't make it to completion.

The majority of the town do not want this project. You must listen to the people. They know what's best for our town.

If we really need to comply to the affordable housing law, there are alternatives.