

Thomas Harrigan

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To: Thomas Harrigan
Subject: Mandel Development/ Opposed

Please do not change the zoning for this proposal....

Dear Village Trustees,

I have reviewed the proposal the Mandel Group has put forth for the development project where the Sisters of Notre Dame has previously resided.

I am deeply concerned about the population density of this proposal, the scale of the buildings and the homogenous nature. But most pressing is the increase in population it would add to the traffic, park, and Tonawanda elementary school. I can not see how once again Elm Grove children attending the public grade school would be able to maintain one unified Elm Grove elementary school.

As a child that grew up on Juneau Blvd and attended Dixon Elementary only to be transferred in 5th grade to Tonawanda after that closure I can say it was a difficult transition and I was in awe of all the children that I did not know that lived so close by since it was such a small population that attended Dixon. Of course only years later Dixon re opened. I think of how saddened people of the Hillside elementary school were to lose their neighborhood school.

Also I do not know no matter what the traffic studies show; how Watertown Plank Road could sustain this increase in traffic.

I am deeply saddened that an arrangement wasn't made to keep that a historic building and perhaps another park as the sisters had donated much of the current Village Park. That is not to be but we can at least hope for a development that is proportionate to what the Village can handle and keep its serene atmosphere.

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