

January 14, 2019

To: The Wellesley Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: 16 Stearns Road and 680 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA

Please accept this letter from the neighbors to 16 Stearns Road and 680 Worcester Street in Wellesley.

Our review of the latest engineering plans for 16 Stearns Road raises one particular set of new traffic concerns that is easiest to convey visually with the image and video link below.

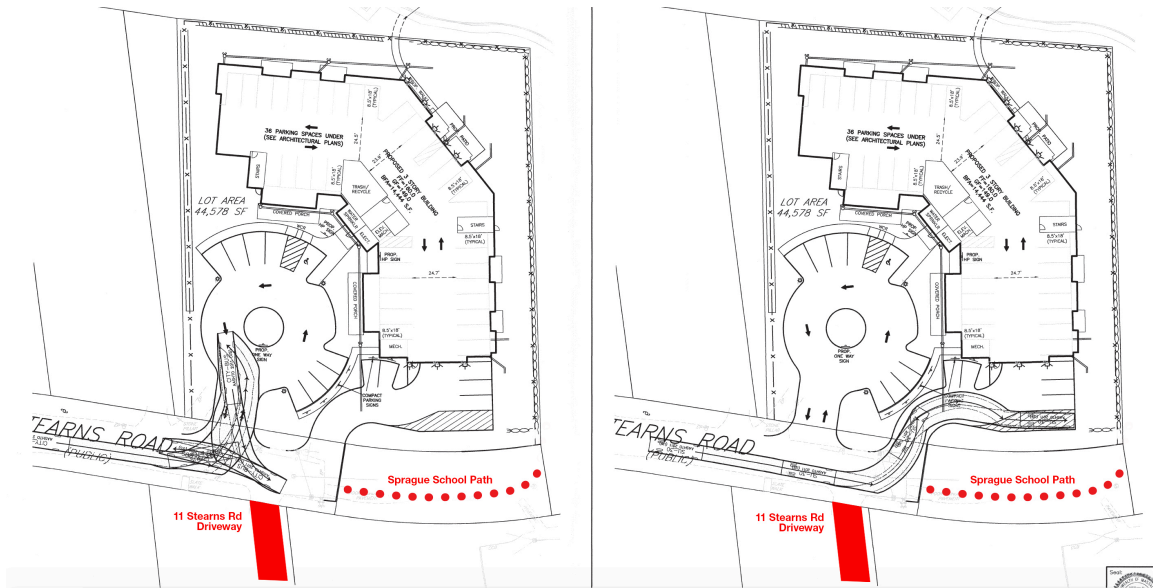
The placement of the new 16 Stearns Road garage entrance, combined with the widened primary driveway entrance will make 11 Stearns the obvious target for increased turnaround traffic. Vehicles that cannot, or choose not to enter the 16 Stearns Road facility will understandably use or block the 11 Stearns driveway at some stage of making a three-point turn.

The current high volume of turnaround traffic is already a burden that the 11 Stearns Road owners carry. But the related safety issues will become particularly unreasonable with the addition of large construction vehicles, carrying ledge, backing into that property and the line of foot traffic to and from Sprague School—and after the construction, when the number of homeowners on Stearns Road, along with their visitors and deliveries is tripled.

Please see the plans shown below, with our addition of the 11 Stearns Road driveway and the Sprague School Path, and this 5-minute video demonstrating existing safety issues that would be exacerbated:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsWDZs61AWc&feature=youtu.be>





Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Residents of the Stearns Road/Francis Road neighborhood