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Thomas J. Henderson
Chairman, Board of Directors
Southfield Redevelopment Authority
223 Shea Memorial Drive
South Weymouth MA 02190

RE: Proposed Hotel on Shea Drive

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Please find below comments from the Weymouth Conservation Commission relative to the proposed 99-room hotel at the Shea Drive entrance to Union Point. The Conservation Commission has serious concerns with the project as proposed due to impacts on wetland resource areas, flood zones the requested variances from required low impact development requirements.

- This project would result in a loss of approximately 12,000sf of land in the Open Space-Corporation District (OSCD). Jim Young notes that this does not appear to be legal under current zoning in a Jan 28, 2022 letter. The project proposes 6,975 sf of open space in the SVCD, this land should be protected via an easement that ensures public access and that the land will be maintained as open space. The project should also strive to achieve no net-loss of OSCD
- Applicant is seeking to waive many environmental requirements including; landscape plantings and buffers, heat island effect reduction through shade trees, use of bio swales for stormwater & water use reduction for landscaping.
- The site contains Bordering land Subject to Flooding (BLSF), Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and Bank. Project proposes fill of 875 sf of BLSF for creation of a parking lot. The proposed replication does not appear to be hydrologically connected to the floodplain.
- Much of the site is within buffer zone to wetland resource areas, the project proposed removal of trees and open space amenities within the buffer. Construction is proposed right up to wetlands.

Thank you for consideration of these important issues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John P. Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'P'.

John Reilly, Chairman
Weymouth Conservation Commission