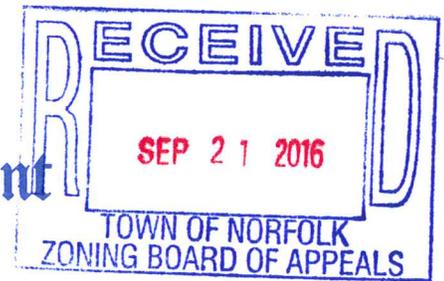




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Mr. Michael Kulesza, Chairman
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RE: Proposed Development at 84 Cleveland Street, Norfolk

Dear Chairman Kulesza,

I am writing to you and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with regard to safety concerns that I have with the proposed development located at 84 Cleveland Street. In my 40+ years as a police officer and for the past 22 years as Norfolk's Police Chief I have seen numerous situations which I feel should be called out due to safety concerns. With this development, I have two such concerns.

I understand that the ZBA is reviewing a proposal for 40 housing units to be built at 84 Cleveland Street. Cleveland Street is a winding rural road that is heavily travelled by residents and commuters alike. It serves as one of many corridors for commuters to and from Boston. The addition of these housing units will add to the already challenging road conditions for those who travel Cleveland Street regularly.

I have concerns for the sight lines as traffic heading East on Cleveland Street does not have 400 feet of clear view. It is my suggestion that the developer provide for sight line improvements along this portion of the road to assist in avoiding accidents.

Norfolk has had only a few developments with the density that this development proposes. Although density is not a concern for the Police department, vehicular and pedestrian safety is. In particular, I do have concerns with the interior circulation of the development. There are no sidewalks and driveways along the street of this development. Similar developments that were approved in the past mandated that sidewalks were necessary for residents and visitors to navigate to and from the units. In addition, if this development is targeted for families, there is little room for children to walk, ride bikes or play near the driveways. This is very much a safety concern as vehicles in such close quarters may not be able to see and avoid pedestrians or bicyclists as a result.

I offer this comments in order to assist the ZBA in considering all aspects of this application. If the Board would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles Stone, Chief