

Sherburne Civic Association
Portsmouth, NH

14 June 2000

Nancy J. Mayville, P.E.
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New Hampshire Department of Transportation
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Re: Portsmouth, CM-5379 (017), 12250
Contract 2

Ms. Mayville,

We would like to thank you for holding the informational meeting regarding the construction of additional parking at the park and ride and bus station in Portsmouth.

We agree with the information included in the letter that was sent to you by Peter Loughlin dated 31 May 2000 and would like to see all the questions answered prior to starting any construction. We have the following concerns which, we would like to see addressed prior to continuing with this project:

Increased noise and exhaust smell from the additional cars parked in the proposed expansion, which will be much closer to our neighborhood.

Increased noise and exhaust smell from the busses that will be stopped and waiting to pick up passengers from the maintenance garage.

Security of our neighborhood and the area around the parking lot being so far from the manned bus terminal.

The decrease in our property values caused by being adjacent to the largest parking lot in Portsmouth.

The possible contamination of our drinking water and the Great Bog from runoff from the parking lot, which is, constructed right at the limit of the Smith Well.

Increased light pollution from the lighting in the parking lot and at the bus terminal.

We understand that the use of busses helps reduce pollution but we do not want it in our back yards and think another location should be considered. If 40% of the cars are from Maine why not put the additional parking lot in that state and further reduce the need for those people to travel to our neighborhood.

The construction of a barrier (earthen) and plantings to reduce the impact of the project on our neighborhood. This should be done to reduce the impact of the already existing bus terminal and park and ride.

The area that you have selected to put the new parking spaces is considered a green space. A paved parking lot is not a green space.

If you have any question please contact me.

Sincerely,

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