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Separate ingress/egress onto Route 20 is necessary

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Hi Matt,

As residents of 131 Stoney Hill Road, we would like to share our thoughts on the traffic plans that were presented at the ZBA meeting on April 11th.

At that meeting, the developers said *on record* that they would stand behind any one of the three options they put forward that the Board decided to select.

We would like to urge the Board to select the developers' proposed "Stoney Hill Road - **No Access Route 20: Left In/Right In & Right Out**" option.

There is a significant timing issue during peak hours that is created by the queuing of traffic at both the light at Flynns to our west and the light at the new Shell station to the east.

Specifically, cars are released in a steady stream from both of these lights, creating a situation where it becomes nearly impossible to make a left out of the west end of Stoney Hill Road -- i.e., when one side of the road is clear, the other is not, and vice versa. Forcing the additional cars from Phase 1 of the development to make their way on and off of Route 20 from Stoney Hill Road will greatly compound the difficulty. In contrast, having a second, separate intersection point (i.e., ingress/egress from the development itself) with Route 20 will create an additional set of opportunities for cars to make their way and is the only chance this situation may be manageable.

Please note that outside observers (i.e., non-residents) only obtain a day or two's worth of traffic data, whereas our opinion is based on **thousands of instances** of personal experience negotiating the intersection. In light of our current, 15-year *actual* experience with ingress/egress via the west end intersection of Stoney Hill Road and Route 20, we believe the proposed "Stoney Hill Road - No Access Route 20: Left In/Right In & Right Out" option is the safest option for our neighborhood and the one which will have the least impact.

Kindly pass this letter to the ZBA and traffic peer reviewer as well.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,
Rob & Naomi Halpern