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Mr. Doug Bencks
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Re: UNH Stadium – Planning Board review

Dear Doug,

Thank you for preparing all of the information regarding the proposed changes to the UNH West Stadium and for taking the time to present the project to the Planning Board on March 25. In accordance with RSA 674:54, the Planning Board would like to share the following recommendations/requests:

- 1) Sound system. Please re-evaluate the proposed sound system. The board would appreciate more effort into dealing with high levels of sound beyond changing the configuration of speakers, including exploring methods that contemporary sound technology may offer to reduce the sound reaching the neighborhoods of Durham.
- 2) Seats. Consider ways to make the seats more comfortable, including adding seat backs.
- 3) Traffic congestion. Explore ways to reduce traffic congestion through Durham, including developing strategies to direct traffic toward Route 4. Please also give some reconsideration to the Northern Connector.
- 4) Illumination. Often it is difficult for drivers to see people walking down Main Street at night. Enhanced lighting on Main Street, especially for the crosswalks, would be beneficial, perhaps by increasing the illumination levels of existing lights.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Behrendt
Durham Town Planner

cc (via email): Planning Board; Todd Selig, Town Administrator