

Memorandum

To: Michael Behrendt, Planner
From: Dave Kurz, Chief of Police
Date: 2/17/2015
Re: 257 Newmarket Road Student Housing

After reviewing all applicable documents including safety and management plans provided to me that are associated with the construction of two additional buildings on this property, I have the following comments relating to the police department:

- Sight distance on Route 108 is of sufficient distance
- Ensure that both buildings are uniquely identified and/or apartments numbered appropriately to allow for the quick and efficient delivery of police services.
- If there are any landscaping redesigns, it should focus upon keeping intruders easily observable by maximizing visibility of people at all building entrances, eliminating darkened areas by a well-conceived shrubbery planting and deliberately placed lighting to maximize visibility.
- Hardware should feature window locks, dead bolts for doors, interior door hinges and well light interior storage areas.

The Durham Police support well managed student apartment dwellings in appropriate locations, such as this proposal. The proximity of other student dwellings, distance away from residential neighborhoods with fewer residents to disturb fit the criteria for police support. As I have indicated in previous memos to the Durham Planning Board, the Durham Police continually strive to meet the demands of its citizens while remaining fiscally responsible. It is our belief that a sound, well-structured and conceived planning process in these matters cannot be understated. The end result of this process equates to diminished demands for governmental monitoring by police and other town entities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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