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Reference: Food Truck at Mill Road Plaza

Hi Michael,

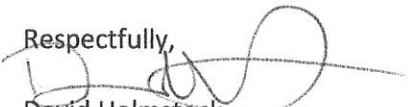
I wanted to share the police departments concerns regarding the impending review of the Food truck application for the Mill Road Plaza. Our concerns center on late night or evening operations of a food truck that would possibly be approved by the planning board.

If located in the Mill Road Plaza during the evening hours, a food truck would most certainly bring with it the possibility of increased noise, increased vandalism, and increased incidents of violent behavior. Residents living in the Faculty Development may be affected by noise generated by late night crowds or increased foot traffic walking through their neighborhood. Surrounding neighborhoods may also experience an increase in vandalism to property or littering in the local neighborhoods as intoxicated youth make their way to and from the location.

A food truck operating during evening hours will most certainly increase the need for additional patrols in that area due to the inevitability of altercations between intoxicated patrons. A gathering of intoxicated people in a large open space is not a good recipe for maintaining the peace. The argument could be made that the Durham House of Pizza and other businesses are open late night as well. That is true, but the structure is such that it is not conducive to large crowds, and it has taken years for our officers to change the culture to one where the students now just take their food and leave. We are concerned that we may experience the same drain on resources and experience the same behavior as we have observed in the past.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at any time.

Respectfully,


David Holmstock
Deputy Chief of Police

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