

Buckingham Public Hearing Comments Summary

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- PUBLIC REFERENDUM
 1. Some suggested this should be held
- PERFORMANCE BOND
 1. Recommended that a performance bond be put in place to ensure everything is done
- NELSON AVENUE
 1. Concerned over roadway integrity given weight limit
 2. Roadway too narrow
 3. Road and sidewalk should be added/improved
- WILDLIFE
 1. Concerned that there are Bald Eagles in the area
 2. 37 sightings of wild birds
 3. Concerned about the animals that will be displaced
 4. Precious “dark site” corridor
- SEWAR
 1. Concern over Tri Muni restriction due to I&I issue
- WATER
 1. Concern with Village Water supply (volume and pressure)
 2. Concern with the Village water pressure when the proposed storage tanks are being filled
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
 1. Statement made that this is “unbuildable per Comprehensive plan”

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○ QUALITY OF LIFE

1. Village is already very densely populated (2nd most densely populated in Dutchess County), and this development would only add to that
2. Currently mostly single-family homes except Oak Tree
3. Entrance is in front of 2 people's homes, and this "will cause loss of privacy"
4. Property devaluation to the area
5. There should be more tree screening
6. Application "should be" denied due to community input
7. "Not a responsible development"
8. Should be single family or senior development
9. "We have our fair share of rental property in Dutchess County"
10. Reference made to Merrywood development and its impact on area
11. Reference made to Mt Alvernia tree cutting and flooding

○ TRAFFIC STUDY

1. Concerned that the Traffic Study only included Village streets and not the Town of Poughkeepsie intersections (Nelson & Delavergne, Channingville & Sheafe)
2. New Hamburg will be impacted (Bridge Street)
3. Traffic currently backs up off 9D up Delavergne Ave
4. House at corner of Clinton Street and Neslon Avenue hit 3 times over speakers lifetime

○ FINANCIAL

1. The cost benefit analysis is "miniscule"
2. Will not cover the cost for more teachers and home devaluations
3. More students will increase taxes for everyone

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4. Not all financial impact considered given the local home devaluations
- CHANNINGVILLE ROAD
 1. There is speeding “all the time” and this will just exasperate it
 2. Concerned with the traffic given the proposed walking trail to the Greenway trail Head
 - BLASTING:
 1. Can feel the blasting from Trap Rock and feel this will be much worse
 2. Feel that the Blasting has been underestimated and will be a big concern
 3. Concern that older homes will be damaged
 - SCENIC HUDSON
 1. Scenic Hudson comments state the requirement for a SEQR Positive Declaration
 2. This property is adjacent to the Greenway Trail and environmental areas
 3. Building ‘A’ and it’s 12’ retaining wall is a visual issue
 4. Building ‘A’ should be removed
 5. Land trust and Scenic Hudson proximity
 - RUN OFF / ERROSION
 1. Will add 4.8 acres of impervious surface in place of forest
 2. Development on the slopes will cause more run off
 - RETAINING WALLS
 1. Too tall
 2. Safety concern
 3. Visual impact

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- **PLANNING BOARD**
 1. The Town of Poughkeepsie should be involved in the Planning discussions
 2. Numerous comments on how the Planning Board should do their job

- **MISCELANIOUS**
 1. There are sink holes “everywhere” in this area
 2. Possible cave system in area per “Cornell University”
 3. Petition against development submitted