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31 Howlett Street
Topsfield, MA. 01983

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Robert Moriarty, Esq., Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Topsfield Town Hall
8 West Common Street
Topsfield, MA 01983

Dear Mr. Moriarty:

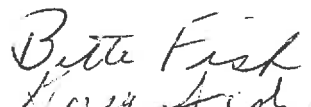

We felt it necessary to write this letter regarding the proposed Emerson Homes and the planned location of the driveway for this development.

We have lived at 31 Howlett Street for the past 35 years. For quite some time now it has been difficult to exit East Common Street in order to take a left hand turn onto High Street during morning and evening commuter hours and during school times. If someone stops to let you out, there is still a potential problem with any vehicles entering High Street from Main Street. Visibility of any oncoming cars is limited until you are well into the traffic.

With a proposed development of 44 units the additional traffic trying to exit onto High Street/Route 97 would only exacerbate an already congested area. I can't imagine how long the line of cars would be while people wait to either enter or exit East Common Street with cars crossing Main Street or turning off Main Street. In addition there are no sidewalks in the immediate area of where these streets converge which makes it extremely difficult for pedestrians trying to cross to the library side of the street.

I hope the Zoning Board takes the concerns of the people who have to use this area very seriously in an effort to resolve an extremely difficult situation for both pedestrians and drivers.

Sincerely yours,



Bette and Gary Fish