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Mr. David R. Consigli, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town of Milford  
52 Main Street  
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RE: Comprehensive Permit Application - Robsham Village

Dear Mr. Consigli,

Having reviewed the application and associated documents, I would offer the following thoughts.

While the applicant offers that, "The project will have no adverse impact upon public safety", I have concerns relative to the impact that the proposed development will have on our department's call volume, not just the addition of 300 units but also the associated vehicular traffic entering and exiting a very congested Rt. 16. As the fire department approaches the 5,500 calls per year mark, it is becoming increasingly more difficult at times to meet the calls for service in a timely fashion at our current staffing levels. Considering this development and others like it presently being considered or constructed, the time has come to address our staffing levels.

Granted the drawings included with the application are not final but our access to the buildings via aerial device at the present design appear to be limited. In some areas, the paved surfaces appear to be too far from the building for us to reach it. Ideally, we prefer to have access to the upper levels of all four sides of larger buildings. Also, access to the garage area appears to be limited and would be problematic to fight a fire.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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