

WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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February 25, 2019

Alison Simon
North Castle Town Clerk
15 Bedford Road
Armonk, NY 10504

Re: 45 Bedford Road

Dear Ms. Simon,

I am writing in support of the concerns of the North Castle Historical Society and the Architectural Review Board about the development plans for 45 Bedford Road. The proposed height and mass of the development are out of scale with the adjacent historic district. While the design should not mimic the bordering historic buildings, it should be sympathetic with possible considerations being roof lines, window selections, building materials, and colors.

The town's Comprehensive Plan, adopted only a year ago, stated that this site could be used for "limited" residential development. It also called for a buffer zone between the historic district and any new development. Neither of these concepts have been incorporated into this proposed housing complex. The reduction in the number of units would allow for less impervious surfaces and more green space. It would also minimize the traffic and parking impacts.

The Bedford Road Historic District is an essential part of what makes your community unique and livable. The 45 Bedford Road development, as presently designed, would diminish this resource and thereby, would contribute to a suburban sameness that would rob your towns of its rich character.

Sincerely yours,



Susanne Pandich
Executive Director