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**Subject:** FW: [Ext]Colby Farm Road Proposed Development - Playground

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**From:** Molly Ettenborough  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** don walters; Andrew Port  
**Cc:** Katelyn E. Sullivan; Lise Reid  
**Subject:** RE: [Ext]Colby Farm Road Proposed Development - Playground

Don- Thank you for your thoughts on this. Yes, I am very concerned about this playground and the fact that it will be on one side of the street for people on both sides to use.

There are multiple large trucks and traffic that use this road throughout the day and year. During material removal from the yard waste there are 30 large 100 yard trucks going up and down per day. Trash and recycling, oil tankers, and other large hazardous materials trucks along with DPS uses this road on a daily basis in addition to the DPS tree truck and large dump trucks for yard waste.

I am already very concerned about these developments and the complaints I know we will be getting from them in regards to the traffic there as well as the noises when dumpsters are being emptied etc. This week we have had traffic backed up to the new development.

Adding a playground there will only make problems worse than they will already be there. I don't see a need to add another playground in the city when we have plenty around and it would be one more to be maintained. The fact that the area will have trails in the development as well as at the end of the street gives them a different sort of outdoor recreation for all users. These residents can easily get to the Bresnahan or Nock Molin for those playgrounds which often sit empty on the weekends.

Perhaps as Don mentioned, take that funding for other parks or trail maintenance would be a good solution.

Thanks and I hope this will be given serious consideration. I have already had one potential homeowner call me about the uses on the street who has decided not to buy there because of the reasons stated above. I am just glad she did her diligence before purchasing there.

Please keep me informed of developments there.

Thanks.

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The last two nights I heard discussion on the subject with a focus on the volume of traffic on Colby Farm Road and the potential danger with a playground at the new development. I'm not sure if we can resolve questions that may arise on the issue in a timely fashion so I'd like to suggest the below for your consideration. Of course, the final decision and condition will be made by the Planning Board.

"The applicant shall provide marked and colored speed bumps on each side of the road to improve child safety. The City shall have the right to require applicant to not install speed bumps but instead provide other traffic calming measures that shall be no more than cost of speed bumps. Alternatively, the City has the right to request the playground not be installed and instead a contribution in the amount of [\$xx,xxx] be provided for the benefit of playgrounds in other parts to the City."

I realize this can be viewed as kicking the can down the road but perhaps it buys us time so other departments can address when they are not so focused on the pandemic.

In either case, my two cents.

Stay safe,  
Don