

I have several objections to this gas station being built a few hundred feet from my home. Noise, lighting, and the fact that this will be a 24/7 type of business are of concern. The most troublesome, however, is the negative impact regarding traffic, both on Concord Rd. and in the village of Old Concord. I have lived in this neighborhood for 45 years and traffic on Concord Rd. has been an issue for most of that time. Recent improvements helped for a while, but with the larger roundabout and a substantial increase in residential construction farther west on Northshore Dr., traffic is more challenging than ever. The close proximity of the entrance of the proposed EZ Stop to the roundabout at Northshore Dr. can only further complicate matters as vehicles attempt to enter or exit at Second Dr. It is not necessarily increased traffic flow on Concord Rd. that disturbs me, since it is already heavy, rather the congestion concentrated in such a short span of road. It will be nearly impossible to make a left turn onto Concord Rd. from Second Dr., encouraging people to turn left onto Second Dr. and into Old Concord. A concrete barrier forcing vehicles exiting the gas station to turn right would be the only effective measure to prevent a left turn onto Second Dr., protecting our community from speeding vehicles driven by people who aren't familiar with our narrow roads.

Every day from 11am until around 2pm, a food truck parks on property at the corner of Concord Rd. and Second Dr., next to the proposed EZ Stop location. Since little parking is available, cars, trucks, trucks hauling trailers, and large commercial trucks park on the sidewalks along Concord Rd. and at the edges of Lakeridge and Second Drives. When they leave the food truck area, most drivers attempt to navigate around the block on one-lane roads to exit back onto Concord Rd. As a result, the street sign in front of my home has been knocked down several times and I have had to repair my retaining wall more than once after vehicles crash into it. Sometimes, the larger trucks get stuck in the ditch on Second Dr. trying to make the narrow 45 degree turn. A sign promoting "local traffic only" will do absolutely nothing to prevent these things from happening over and over again should more vehicles be allowed on our streets.

I strongly encourage members of the planning commission to drive to the proposed EZ Stop site and then through our village. Letters from residents cannot convey these traffic concerns or the need for construction of some kind of concrete barrier keeping vehicles from turning into Old Concord from the gas station, and decisions the commission makes regarding this community should not be made simply by looking at a map.