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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Hillsborough Township Planning Board
379 South Branch Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844



Re: Homestead Road, LLC
Planning Board Site Plan Application

Dear Chairman Suraci and Board Members:

This office represents Homestead Road, LLC as co-counsel with Michael O'Grodnick, Esq. I am writing this letter as a follow up to the July 7th Planning Board hearing on this application, which I attended. At the meeting there was significant public questioning of our civil engineer, which effectively took the whole night. Some of the public were frustrated because they were asking questions of our engineer witness that was outside of his scope of expertise, and in many instances we indicated another witness would be testifying as to that subject matter. A number of those questions related to traffic and planning testimony.

As Mr. O'Grodnick noted, at our next meeting on October 6th we plan to present the testimony of our traffic engineer and professional planner. In an effort to more efficiently handle public questioning and ensure members of the public do not get frustrated by asking questions of one witness, when it needs to be answered by another, the Applicant renews its request to allow both our traffic engineer and planner to present their direct testimony together (along with Board member or Board professional questions) and then open both witnesses up to public questioning. The public could then ask any question on planning and traffic so that the appropriate witness can answer it. This procedure has been used in a number of matters I have been involved in where there is significant public involvement and it makes for a more efficient process and ensures when a member of the public comes up, their question can get answered (as opposed to being told to wait for another witness to testify).

We understand that despite the use being permitted and that the relief being sought relate more to design aspects, this is a controversial project in town with significant public interest.

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That inevitably creates difficulties in managing the meeting. However, I think the above request will assist in ensuring that the public portion is handled efficiently and without frustration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,


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cc: Eric Bernstein, Esq.
Homestead Road, LLC