

## Wykeham Rd

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Dear Shelley and all,

I've been following the drama around the proposed luxury inn on Wykeham Rd for a few years. I was shocked to find the town seemingly allowing it, after I assumed it was not going to happen. I'd like to go on the record as opposing it, but also this sort of development in Washington in general.

My family and I cannot be more thrilled to move to a small and quiet community. I grew up in Woodbury, which is experiencing a huge boom in subdivisions that are destroying the character of the town. Apparently, if they get rejected, even when they do not adhere to zoning requirements, they sue and can harm the town. So the town allows the development, and then opens the door to more of the same thing.

I'm very concerned that this is happening in Washington. A luxury inn that threatens local water supply and harms wildlife is absolutely the wrong thing to build when we're in both housing and environmental crises. I honestly did not think that this was the sort of town Washington was. And I'm really worried about the door being open if this is allowed.

Washington is a small community. Not the Hamptons. Not a playground for financial investors to make millions of dollars by altering the landscape and culture. Especially when they've shown themselves to be so cavalier with existing agreements with the town. Please do the right thing and stop this project from moving forward.

Sincerely,  
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