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Subject: Letter in support of BOA application
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:19:02 AM

To members of the Portsmouth Board of Adjustment,

This letter is in support of an application before you on June 22 pertaining to 650 Maplewood Avenue.

As a direct abutter, I would be pleased to welcome two lifelong members of the community (Jon Thompson and Jeff Staples) to the neighborhood with their established business Motorbikes Plus. My only concern was about additional lighting and Jon assured me today there will be none. They've operated in Portsmouth on Cate Street as flawless members of the community. I hope you approve their application.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Dinan
639 Maplewood Ave.,
Portsmouth

From: [Stephen Chaloner](#)
To: [Planning Info](#)
Subject: 650 Maplewood Avenue
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:48:55 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern about approving the change of use of 650 Maplewood Ave to a motorcycle dealership. Living in close proximity to this location, I am concerned about an increase in sound pollution, as well as traffic through our and other surrounding neighborhoods for test riding of motorcycles.

Our neighborhood is low traffic and includes many families with young children as well as the New Franklin elementary school less than a quarter of a mile away from this proposed location. Maplewood Ave and Emery Street are a primary route for kids to walk to and from school each weekday morning and afternoon, taking them right by this location.

I don't think even motorcycle enthusiasts would want a dealer within such close proximity to their residence. This seems like a nonstarter for me and most of the neighbors I've discussed with. Nestling a motorcycle dealer into a residential area and abutting a school zone is not ideal.

Stephen & Meghan Chaloner
217 Myrtle Ave

From: [Anna Howard](#)
To: [Planning Info](#)
Cc: [Steven Howard](#)
Subject: APPLICATION OF MOTORBIKES PLUS, LLC650 MAPLEWOOD AVENUEMap 220, Lot 88
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 11:12:36 AM

Dear Planning Board members,

We recently purchased the house at 553 Maplewood Ave in order to keep our 9-year-old son at New Franklin Elementary School, the one we started when we were renting. We are very grateful to live within walking distance to school.

We are writing to express our opposition to the change of the zoning ordinance to allow a motorcycle store at 650 Maplewood Ave. We cannot attend the zoning meeting on June 22 because both of us serve on the PTO Board of the New Franklin School and their meeting is at the same time. We would like to outline the reasons for our opposition in writing.

- Soundscape of the neighborhood: the application states that "The proposed sale of motorcycles does not produce excessive noise". We strongly disagree with that statement. As our house is on the road, we can attest that the motorcycle noise is much louder and much more disruptive than regular cars and trucks. With the store and repair shop down the street, the traffic of motorcycles will increase. That business will be testing out the motorcycles when a repair is done and allowing test drives for customers. One of us works from home full time and the noise will be disruptive not only on the weekend but during the working hours as well. Additionally, as frequent pedestrians that walk along Maplewood Avenue among many others with our child and dog, we are nervous that a revving motorcycle is going to be disruptive and frightening.

- Safety: we frequently walk to school with our boy and we see other parents in the neighborhood doing the same with their little ones. The crosswalk is located right off the sidewalk of that property. This is a potential safety hazard in our view.

We implore the members of the planning board to consider the detrimental effects such an addition would have on the neighborhood. Please vote as if you and your loved ones lived in here.

Respectfully,
Anna and Steve Howard
553 Maplewood Ave, Portsmouth NH.