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**Subject:** Humane Society: I am the closest neighbor: Please Read

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Dear Zoning Committee Members:

I am writing to you to express my strong concern regarding the planned Humane Society complex on Route 7. I respectfully ask that you do not approve the requested special permit for the proposed facility of the Humane Society.

I strongly oppose such plans due to the severe impact on our quality of life, the value of our property and even our health.

**I wanted to point out that the proposed outdoor dog playground will be approximately 100 feet away from my bedroom window and my deck.**

It occurred to me that some people make comments on the project without realizing that there are properties that are simply not visible from Route 7. Me and my neighbors on Mountain Road and Irmgard Drive live next to the pond and wetland to the north of the proposed construction site. We will hear all the noise of the construction and day-to-day operations of the proposed facility, day and night. The pond that you see in the plans is right next to my bedroom and my deck. I measured the distance to the property line at 24 feet. The pond is at the bottom of a peaceful little valley, which will amplify the noise from the planned facility, day and night. Please do not approve this project.

Anyone who has not seen the proximity of the planned dog playground (and the shelter) to my property and my neighbors' property can truly evaluate the impact on my and my neighbors' families on Mountain Road and Irmgard Drive.

**I would like to invite all committee members to inspect the future location of the dog park and its' proximity to my property from my perspective to gain a complete understanding of the impact that this facility would have on us. You should have all the information to make an informed decision.**

Please call me or email me to schedule an on-site inspection, I will make myself available for you anytime you want. Really, any time. **Please come and stand on my deck and see for yourself the impact your decision would have on our neighborhood.**

If you plan an in-person inspection of the Humane Society site, please make sure you can see where the fence of the proposed dog park would end and how close it would be to my deck and bedroom and consider the impact on neighbors on Irmgard Drive.

I fully support the Humane Society's mission, we have 5 pets in our house, all of them adopted from shelters. Love for pets or the Humane Society is not the issue here. But **I think the Humane Society simply needs to find a more appropriate location** that does not impact existing properties in a residential setting to such a severe degree. Some dog shelters are located in industrial zones (Bethel) or remote areas (Milford Silver Sands Beach) to avoid noise issues for residents. Please consider our concerns.

Respectfully,  
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