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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I live at the end of Quail Run Drive and we are very concerned about an additional building and septic system being planned so close to the 5 homes on our street.

We are surrounded by wetlands and the groundwater level is very high here. Our margin for getting flooded basements is therefore minimal.

Even though the new construction is technically not on our street because it will have a separate driveway off Virginia Rd, it's still very close to our homes. The new construction will be right behind one of our neighbor's house.

This could have serious flooding consequences for all of us.

Most homes on Quail Run Dr have already had problems with flooded basements and sump pumps have had to be installed. French drains also had to be installed in at least one house.

Two of the properties closest to the new construction have sump pumps that were installed already when the houses were built 25+ years ago.

This water is piped to a shared well from where it gets pumped into the street drain.

The petitioner's main house has a sump pump and their proposed additional building will also have a sump pump installed. Where will this water get pumped?

Our street and surrounding homes have many families with young children. The kids often get together in our street and on one of the properties along the long driveway where the petitioner's home is located.

If the new construction gets rented out to short-term tenants, having transient people coming and going potentially every month will become a safety concern for all of us.

Another concern is traffic safety.

The small hill at the intersection of Quail Run Dr and Virginia Rd prevents often fast-driving cars on Virginia Rd from seeing cars exiting from our street. This will also be the case with exiting cars from the proposed new driveway.

In addition, when exiting Quail Run Dr., we can't even see cars approaching from below the hill when we look left.

Virginia Rd is especially busy during mornings and afternoons when employees at Hanscom go to work and leave work.

After the main gate to Hanscom Airforce Base has been closed and moved from Bedford to Hanscom Drive at the intersection with Virginia Rd, we might see a lot more traffic on Virginia Rd.

Some of the workforce of 10,000+ at Hanscom who now drive through the center of Bedford to the current main entrance will, depending on where they live, most likely use Virginia Rd instead after the Bedford gate has been closed.

Respectfully,

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