Mr. John McNicholas
Town of Medfield
Zoning Board of Appeals
459 Main St.
Medfield, MA 02052

August 14, 2025

Dear Mr. McNicholas and the Medfield Zoning Board of Appeals,

In reflecting on last evening's ZBA public hearing regarding the proposed 40B development at 86 Plain Street, there is one particular item related to traffic and safety that I would like to comment on. During Deputy Chief McGrath's remarks, he mentioned that he does not see any issue or problem with Plain Street becoming a one-way road. As a resident who drives the length of Plain Street multiple times a day, please, please, please understand that Plain Street effectively becomes a one-way road in tight stretches, any time there is a large truck on the road (which happens frequently, particularly during rush hour), or when there is a walker, runner, or biker on the side of the road. On a regular basis, I witness vehicles needing to pull over to the side of the road to allow another vehicle to pass, particularly in the wooded area of Plain Street directly preceding the proposed development, and at the Community Gardens site where cars park along the already narrow road. In addition, I have been nearly run off Plain Street (in my vehicle) numerous times by opposing vehicles traveling down the center of the road, resulting in needing to quickly pull off to the side of the road to avoid being struck or sideswiped.

All of this occurs in good weather conditions - and when there is snow along the side of Plain Street, the road becomes even narrower, and the instances of needing to pull to the side of the road to allow another vehicle to pass occur even more frequently. I have previously submitted photos to the Board that show large vehicles traveling down Plain Street, thus illustrating the extremely narrow width of the road. As such, I have not included photos with this letter, but would be happy to resubmit the photographic evidence if it would be helpful to the Board's deliberations. The addition of not only the vehicles associated with the 24 new homes being proposed, but the additional associated pedestrians along Plain Street from these homes, heightens the risk of collisions and accidents along our narrow road.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the many important issues and concerns regarding this proposed 40B development.

Regards,

Rozlynn Desilets

94 Plain Street

Medfield, MA