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Dear Zoning Board of Review members,

I live at 193 Chatham street at Chatham Village apartments my parking lot and house windows are on the back side of the house which is located on Flora street which is directly across the street from where they are building a parking lot located near 129 Flora Street and live there with my family and children. I have a few objections to the proposed parking lot.

I have been a resident of this address approximately 20 years now. It is a community filled with children including my own. This is where our children play and live. The entrance of the parking lot that they are building raises a lot of safety concerns. The entrance is almost directly across the street from my parking lot entrance which could be a hazard. It could cause a car accident, it could potentially obstruct emergency access, privacy concerns and also make it unsafe for out children. Flora street is a very narrow street. Where if you park on one side of the street only one vehicle can get down the other side.

Also, these empty lots can attract crime such as loitering, drug transactions, larceny, and trash dumping. Because where I live at Chatham Village already has that going on due to our parking lots that are almost always empty. People are out here doing drugs as to where we always find needles, baggies and drugs itself. Another thing is my children have had to witness people having sex in their cars, selling drugs and may other things unfortunately. We have cameras here at Chatham village and people always on the property and it still can't be stopped. Police never come patrol this area much either. We have had a few murders in the neighborhood as well.

The people building this parking lot have improper equipment. They are using a mini bulldozer knocking over the trees where a few trees have fallen. Thank God nobody has gotten her yet. They also do not have a lawful permit to do this. Sometimes they start working around five in the morning and other times they are there working till nine or 10 o'clock at night. There is always trash and furniture dumped over there where the property owner does not take care of it and never has. There is going to be so much traffic you won't even be able to get up or down the street.

How will we be assured that this is going to be a safe place? How will we also be assured that it is going to be maintained and have security?