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Public Hearing Topic	Westlyn Housing
Public Hearing Date	9/4/2025
Questions or Comments for the Town of Plainfield	

I spend a large amount of time at a neighboring property and I hope to address a few concerns. To begin with, I do not oppose growth in the town. However I would like to see this growth carefully approached to ensure sustainability of the town's values, and the quality of the town as a whole.

My first concern relates to the environmental impacts of a development of this caliber and style. There have been many studies completed globally on the positive impacts of green space on urban and suburban areas. The study linked below showed dramatic temperature differences in areas near green space, vs areas without. This impacts the residents who already live in this area, both in comfort, health, and cost related to energy bills. In addition green space provides a place for animals to live without being disruptive in the neighborhood. I personally have witnessed federally endangered bats in the area, as well as several state threatened species. Even reducing this proposed plan by 1/3 or 1/2 size would leave green space for the benefit of the environment of the adjacent residents, many who have been loyal town citizens for a majority of their lives. A reduction in the size of the plan would also aid in alleviating concerns that many town citizens have about traffic, school, and resource impacts.

My second concern is the upholding of the town slogan, "A Community of Values." The town selected 12 values 34 years ago, with a different value being highlighted each month. Per the town website, April is "Respect for the Environment" and October is "Responsibility and Reliability." I question if this project fits those values.

I would urge the town commission to answer two questions:

1. Does this proposed development represent the town's slogan: "A Community of Values?"
2. Has appropriate research been done on the long term effects of converting this greenspace to a densely populated neighborhood?

Thank you for your considerations.

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