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Burlington Development Review Board  
149 Church Street  
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Attention: Mary O' Neil, Project Manager

**Re: 17-0388CA/M; 66, 72, 80, 94 and 96 Colchester Ave, 27 and 49 Fletcher Place  
Colchester Avenue Housing/Frank von Turkovich  
Development Review Board Public Hearing: April 18, 2017**

Dear Members of the Burlington Development Review Board:

My wife and I live on Fletcher Place. Fletcher Place is a residential community of houses listed on the Vermont State Register of Historic Places. Mr. von Turkovich's project site sits behind the homes on Fletcher Place.

By letter dated April 12, 2017 (attached) Norman J. Baldwin; an engineer with Burlington's Department of Public Works provided what appears to be an approval of a *Traffic Impact Analysis* dated April 11, 2017. This analysis was prepared by Mr. von Turkovich's consultant, Trudell Consulting Engineers ("TCE").

Mr. Baldwin's letter states in part:

*At the March 8, 2017 Design [sic] Review Board the applicant was asked to for [sic] a traffic operational analysis of the Colchester Avenue corridor and specifically was asked to model the existing condition and built condition for the following intersections:*

- *East Avenue/Colchester Avenue*
- *Mary Fletcher Drive/Project Driveway/Colchester Avenue*
- *Mansfield Avenue/Colchester Avenue*
- *Prospect/ Pearl Street*

We are perplexed that Fletcher Place has been omitted from Mr. von Turkovich's analysis.

It is currently difficult to enter and exit Fletcher Place, which has no traffic signal. Most Fletcher Place residents have cars, there are two day care centers on Fletcher Place and UVM's Transportation & Parking Services Department is located on Fletcher Place. Fletcher Place has a lot of vehicular traffic.

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Due to its proximity to Mr. von Turkovich's project and unlike the studied intersections, which all have traffic lights, entering and exiting Fletcher Place will be increasingly difficult.

I have not located any instructions specifically directing Mr. von Turkovich to omit Fletcher Place from TCE's Traffic Impact Analysis. Regardless, this is a serious omission that needs to be addressed. We respectfully urge the Board to require a traffic impact analysis that includes Fletcher Place.

Please post this letter and attachment to the Burlington Development Review Board's public website.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Butani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Robert Butani

Attachment




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Date: April 12, 2017  
To: City of Burlington Planning & Zoning Department  
Frank Von Turkovich  
From: Norman J. Baldwin, P.E.-City Engineer/Ass't Director, DPW   
C.C. Laura K. Wheelock, P.E.-Public Works Engineer, DPW  
Subject: ZP17-0388CA/MA; 66,72,80,94 and 96 Colchester Avenue; 27 and 49 Fletcher Place

The Department of Public Works(DPW) has reviewed the plans and most recent Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by Trudell Consulting Engineers dated April 11, 2017.

At the March 8, 2017 Design Review Board the applicant was asked to for a traffic operational analysis of the Colchester Avenue corridor and specifically was asked to model the existing condition and built condition for the following intersections:

- East Avenue/Colchester Avenue,
- Mary Fletcher Drive/Project Driveway/Colchester Avenue
- Mansfield Avenue/Colchester Avenue
- Prospect Street/Pearl Street

In reviewing the

- trip generation,
- trip distribution,
- modeled vehicle queuing,
- and turning template analysis

within the Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by Trudell the department is satisfied and agrees with the conclusions of the consultant and have no further issues or concerns.

Should you have any questions please contact me at [nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov) or 802.865.5826.