

To the members of the Town of York Zoning Board.

Thank you for letting me speak at this Public Hearing about a variance requested by the York Travel Center project to allow 2 rows of parking between a building and Right of Way (Rt 63)

My name is Martha Edmonds and I am a resident of the Town of York.

From the plans shown so far, I see a row of about 8 spaces for car parking in front of the building, I assume some will be for handicapped parking.

Moving out towards the road, I see a row of gas pumps, 4 pumps serving 8 customers. Moving again out toward the road, I see another row of about 15 spaces for cars. Adjacent facing Rt 36, I see more car parking. I think that the total spaces for car parking is 39.

In the back, there is space for 27 tractor trailers.

There is also a drive-thru window for coffee and doughnuts.

Looking at this plan, there is potentially too much cross traffic during busy times. At the gas pumps, some cars fill on the driver side and some on the passenger side. People are pulling in and out in both directions. Other people are getting in and out of their cars to going into the store. Pedestrians are walking through the area to the store from the corner crosswalk. They are also walking across 2 driveways. And then we also have the people coming in to use the drive-thru. What I now see are people in a hurry to use all of these facilities and more potential for accidents.

I suggest to the ZBA, to refuse the variance requested and instead have a row of car parking against the front of the building and only car parking facing Rt 36. If more car parking is needed, take out 20 of the tractor trailer parking spaces and the potential of 24 hour overnight parking. This would accommodate the local truck drivers who feel that they need this facility. Additional car parking could be there.

Please remember that as land owners, we are stewards of the land with responsibility to the community for everyone.

Thank you.

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