

Dear Commissioners:

I live in the neighborhood of the Hob Knob Inn, at 15 Oliver Street, and I am a frequent user of Tilton Way.

It seems to me that, in the past few years, the amount of traffic on Tilton Way has greatly increased. Tilton Way is a narrow lane with no sidewalks. There is quite a lot of bicycle and pedestrian traffic in addition to the cars and trucks. There is more construction and more activity in the Katama area these days, and Tilton Way is one of the ways to get there. When vehicles are heading out of town on Main Street, they take the left turn onto Tilton Way much too fast when they see a break in the oncoming Main Street traffic.

I understand that it is really not possible to accurately know what the traffic on Tilton Lane is like as a baseline because this is the year of COVID-19, and I suppose that the traffic this year is quite different from any other year, but I can say from personal experience that Tilton Way already seems quite dangerous for pedestrians.

All the Hob Knob guests whose rooms are on the East side of Tilton Way if the proposal is approved will need to cross Tilton Way frequently to access the Hob Knob guest services, and this will add to the numbers of pedestrians exposed to the vehicles traveling on Tilton Way. I worry that there will be injuries.

Also, the number of Hob Knob cars proposed to be parked on the property seems excessive for a quiet residential lane. This area is residential (with a professional office) - it is not commercial. It seems wrong to have a large parking lot in this location.

Hob Knob cars parked in this area will not be able to turn around on the Hob Knob property and will need to back out onto Tilton Way. This will add to the congestion on Tilton Way, and it seems to me that it will make Tilton Way more dangerous.

Moving on from the traffic and parking, I am also very concerned about the possible loss of any of the three big trees that shade the Main Street sidewalk in front of the law office.

Also, I believe all structures on the Tomassian property should be smaller than and visually subordinate to the lovely house on the property.

In summary, it seems to me that the number of new guest rooms for the Hob Knob Inn should be very substantially reduced from what is proposed.

Sincerely,
Julia Livingston