

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently Wellforce and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare have proposed a project to build an Outpatient Surgical Center at the parking lot site of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. As a resident living near the hospital site, I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to this project. Below are my reasons:

1. The old hospital building has been vacant and Wellforce and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare have failed to disclose a plan as to how the existing building will be used in the future. In any case, they could use the old building site to construct the Outpatient Surgical Center.
2. Because they lack to communicate a long-term plan for the use of their property land, Wellforce and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare have put the whole neighborhood in suspense and at unease. Every neighbor is left in the dark to wonder what else they will do over the years on this piece of land.
3. If building this outpatient center is only their first step to achieve a more sophisticated plan (which they have not revealed), they will make this quiet residential area into a commercial area. With the many dead end streets and a forest around the neighborhood and the Fells Reservation and many hiking trails near the construction site, this certainly is not an appropriate site to have multiple buildings for commercial purposes.
4. The present proposal will bring negative impacts to the neighborhood: increased noise level during and after the construction, traffic and parking problems, depreciation of the property values, and most importantly, safety issues.

Since the approval of the present proposal will open up a channel for Wellforce and Melrose Wakefield Healthcare to expand their business over the years and thus negatively impacted the neighborhood, I petition that the Department of Health reject approval for this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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