

March 26, 2021

Dear Town of Northwood Planning Board,

I am writing to you to ask you not to approve the Aroma Joes at 8 Bow Lake Road. It's not that I am in disagreement of bringing business to Northwood or even an Aroma Joes but I am not in favor of the proposed location. I think it will potentially be dangerous and disruptive to home owners in the area.

As someone who travels Bow Lake Road, I can attest that it can be both a busy and dangerous intersection. Depending on the time of day, turning left onto route 4 can be quite challenging with how busy route 4 is and when school is out, there can be quite the back up of cars on Bow Lake Road. And when school is out for the summer, there is an influx of traffic for those getting back to Bow Lake.

Many people use Bow Lake Road recreationally for walks. I believe even athletes from Coe-Brown train on this road. Adding an Aroma Joes at this location will only cause more traffic and potentially accidents for those that use the road recreationally. I'm also concerned with the trash and littering that might ensue. I don't find that area to be bad right now but it could potentially be with the Aroma Joes.

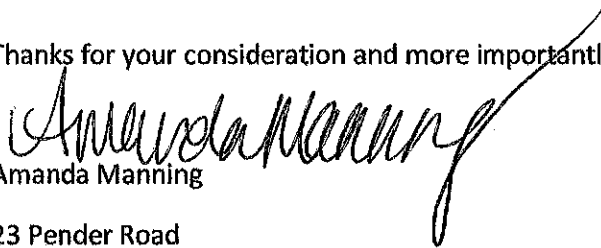
I'm sure residents in town who would do not live around this area and do not use Bow Lake Road to commute would have no problem with the location proposed but for those of us that do – this will negatively impact us daily. I ask you to consider how you would feel having an Aroma Joes in your backyard?

What about the vacant Ma's and Mine Café on Route 4? That is quite the eye sore. Could it potentially go there? I would love to see something go there as opposed to what it is now.

Something also to consider is the fact there is a recently opened Aroma Joes in Epsom, one in Barrington, Lee, Epping, and several Rochester locations. They're really not too far from here if someone wanted Aroma Joes.

Again, I'm not against businesses coming into Northwood. Although I do think it should be done cautiously. Personally, I would love to see a daycare center in town. There is nothing from Epsom to the Barrington/Lee area and with route 4 being such a commuter road – I think something like that would flourish.

Thanks for your consideration and more importantly, thank you for your service to the town.


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