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Islip Town Hall, 2nd Floor
655 Main Street
Islip, NY 11751

October 25, 2024

Dear Town of Islip Supervisor Carpenter and Board Council Members:

We are writing on behalf of the Sayville School District to again register our concerns regarding the Island Hills Golf Course property in Sayville. As you know, Rechler Equity Partners submitted a plan to the Town of Islip in 2017. The plan sought to build 27 buildings and 1,365 units on the 114-acre property.

We understand the plans for development of the area have since evolved. However, the proposed revisions have been presented to a very limited number of community residents, and this appears to have been done by invitation only.

According to the report released by the Island Hills Advisory Committee, and feedback we have received from community members, there is still strong opposition to the revised plans. Population density, increased traffic congestion and the potential environmental impact remain the top concerns among those who have contacted us.

We are again requesting more transparency and the opportunity for the general public to have their questions answered. We request a public forum at which Rechler Equity Partners can present the current proposal and residents can ask questions. Additionally, we strongly encourage Town Board Council members to meet with constituents and work closely with various community groups to adequately address the concerns of the residents of Sayville, West Sayville and the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Sayville Board of Education