



Rhode Island Airport Corporation

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Paul A. Croce, Chairman
Town of Middletown Planning Board
350 East Main Road
Middletown RI 02842

Dear Mr. Croce:

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) has reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the request of the Mesolella Development Corporation permit application for Low and Moderate Income Housing located at 1747 West Main Road, Plat 111, Lots 8 and 9.

Given that the proposed residential development is approximately 3,000 feet from the approach of Newport State Airport Runway 16, RIAC is expressing its opposition to Middletown's proposed change of zoning from the compatible land use of "light industrial" to a non-compatible use for "residential housing" given the proposed project's proximity to Newport State Airport's Runway 16.

If it remains the desire of the Town and developer to move forward, RIAC suggests that all involved parties be made aware of the proximity to the airport approach path, and that the Town considers making the following recommendations to the developer:

1. Sound attenuated building products should be utilized in the construction of the units (e.g., enhanced insulation, sound insulated doors and windows);
2. Full disclosure to prospective new residents advising them of the airports location and the potential for noise disturbance; and
3. As with any development near an airport, the Developer will be required to file an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration with the FAA to get a determination on impacts to air navigation relative to height of the structures.

On behalf of RIAC, we thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal submission and comments.

If we can provide any additional information please feel free to reach out to me at 401-691-2204 or via email at jgoodman@pvdairport.com.

Sincerely,

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