

Regarding McDonald's proposed location: I am handicapped and must use my walker to get around. I use the Medical Supply Depot now for many of my supplies. This store backs on the area designated for McDonald's Drive in. Right now, before McDonald's is built, I have difficulty finding a parking space near the Medical Supply Store and have to walk a great distance to get there which is very difficult for me. I also use Glick's Market in that same parking lot and always have a problem finding parking close to that store. I fear McDonald's will take away much needed parking for the handicapped. I hope McDonald's can find a different location for their restaurant.

HUNTINGTON LAKES

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The proposed McDonald's at the plaza located at Legends Way and Atlantic in Delray Beach is an idea that appears good on the surface to an outsider but in reality is a Trojan horse with a multitude of unintended consequences which negatively affect the citizens of the community's which it purports to serve . Just a few of them are:

1) From 9:00 am to 6:00 pm the vast majority of the customer base are over 70 years . Best case case scenario they walk very slowly and gingerly however a most need the assistance of a cane, walker, wheel chair etc to navigate the parking lot. I work at that plaza two days a week and at least once a month see someone fall attempting to walk from their car to the plaza or back to their car. Some of them actually require medical attention. Since the storage unit was built in the rear of the plaza parking has become next to impossible . The front of the plaza is not much better. It's often very difficult to find a space near your destination , Not everyone has a child or an aid that can drop them off so they can get groceries, their hair done, etc. This situation will magnify itself geometrically if additional spaces are being used

2) When they are finished at the plaza there is only one way for the vast majority of customers to exit (Legends Way) . At peak times there is such a gridlock a driver has to wait 4-5 minutes to exit onto Atlantic Avenue. To add to the mix, often during season there is gridlock and you can't exit going westbound toward the Turnpike Any additional traffic will greatly exasperate the situation This presents itself as a difficult situation for myself (a healthy experienced driver) . It creates an almost impossible scenario for seniors who often don't see well, hear well , and lack the reflexes and cognitive skills to navigate the situation.

3) As a former CFO I realize everyone from both sides can pragmatically argue statistics about traffic flow and parking spaces until we are blue in the face but there is a reality of what will actually happen if a McDonald's is built at the proposed location at this time and how it will negatively affect your constituency..

I believe at this time McDonald's application should be rejected because of the above reasons and any other unintended consequences I may not have foreseen.

VILLAGES OF ORIOLE

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To whom it may concern,

I live in Newport Cove, and am understanding that the Zoning Commission has passed and is requesting a variance which will allow 2 drive through and the 24 hour operation of a McDonalds. A McDonalds that is not neededespecially in the Oriole Shopping Plaza. I have a very difficult time understanding how this could be. There should NOT be a McDonalds in that plaza for a few reasons, the first and foremost, being the safety of the community.

The plaza is utilized mainly by older citizens and the lot is challenging to drive through as it currently is for traffic flow coming from Hagen Ranch as well as Atlantic Ave. There is not ample parking as is for customers to access the stores (mainly Publix) and with the addition of the McDonalds, I don't see how this is going to work? The information I have received, states that there are 300+parking spaces behind the stores. Really? How is one to access the stores if the spaces are behind them? Are you expecting the average 65-85 year old to park BEHIND Publix, walk all the way around the strip mall to gain entry to the grocery store that they have to get their staples from? REALLY? Why do we need to have a 24 hour McDonalds in the already congested parking lot in Oriole Plaza? I would like to know how the residents of King's Point, Valencia and the other surrounding communities feel about this intrusion.

I don't think that it is fair to the residents of the area communities to allow this to occur without their approval. I for one DO NOT APPROVE and would like the Alliance to reconsider their decision, and if they really NEED a McDonald's, move the location.

NEWPORT COVE.

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I watched the presentation at the last Delray Alliance meeting from the representatives of McDonalds. I don't believe McDonalds presented an accurate understanding of the nature of the shopping plaza, its customers, the parking situation and the traffic on Legends Way.

The shopping center is used almost exclusively by an elderly population. Navigating the aisles of the parking lot is precarious. Making turns in and out of the center onto Legends Way is often difficult and the traffic backs up onto the shopping center roads. This is not because of the *volume* of traffic, which McDonalds consultants said they considered. Congestion is also caused by driving habits, which must be considered in addition to traffic volume. Also a factor is the congestion on too-narrow Atlantic Avenue, which will not be widened for years. Changes in the timing of the light might help, but there is no guarantee this will happen, since the flow on Atlantic Avenue might be seen to outweigh concerns about an internal parking lot.

The parking spaces behind the center should not be considered. Parking there requires a walk of many hundreds of feet to get around and into the stores and it is not an option for most shoppers. The parking lot where the McDonalds is proposed to be built, on the other hand, is extremely useful for those who don't want to deal with the Russian roulette of the main parking lot and are able to walk a short distance, especially to the Dunkin, the medical supply store, and even Glick's. I have parked in that lot many times myself. The main parking lot is often very full during the season and the spaces proposed to be eliminated by McDonalds provide a great relief valve.

McDonalds should find another place along Atlantic Avenue. There is space by the Turnpike and near Lyons Road, where a lot of construction is happening. This has great access to the Turnpike and 441 and would seem to be just as, if not, more conducive to their market. Most of the people in the area of Oriole probably aren't interested in McDonalds and certainly won't be availing themselves of 24-hour service. The streets around here roll up about 8 pm, so to speak.

Eliminating parking at Oriole Plaza and adding traffic to Legends Way will severely disadvantage the community. It should not be allowed.

- Scott Reiter

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