

September 11, 2015

Charles Witherington-Perkins, Director
Planning & Community Development Department
Village of Arlington Heights, IL

Dear Mr. Witherington-Perkins

Our home is directly across from the planned school bus lane entrance on Valley Lane.

We attended the Planning Commission meeting on September 9, 2015. While we fully support the proposed addition to Ivy Hill School, we voiced our concerns about traffic issues and planned landscaping along the new bus turnaround lane.

We have been in contact by letter with Police Chief Mourning of the AH Police Department regarding the traffic issues, and they have been very responsive. In the last few weeks, officers have been making surveys and have set up speed and traffic monitoring devices.

The landscaping of the area was briefly discussed at the Planning Commission meeting. We heard about the planned planting of several trees east of the school but nothing was mentioned about the landscaping adjacent to the new bus turnaround.

We currently have the grassy schoolyard across from our house. The new bus lane will dramatically change that view and its residential street look.

In reviewing the attachments to the staff recommendation to the Planning Commission, we noted that the Department of Planning and Community Development recommended 3' high shrubs be planted along Valley Lane to screen the proposed drive aisle and parking lot.

We believe that recommendation would be helpful in maintaining Valley Lane as a residential street rather than a bus driveway entrance.

We are hopeful that your recommendation will be adopted and hope that your department will follow through in making it happen.

Very truly yours,

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Lyhne and Larry Leonard

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cc: Lori Bein, Superintendent, District 25

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