

My name is Bernadette Smith and I am a lifelong resident of Floral Park. I have watched the massive expansion of the projects scope over the past year, to cover an area 400% larger than the original plan. This project is too big.

The original smaller plan was already going to be a difficult burden on the community of Floral Park and our neighboring communities such as Elmont, Bellerose, and eastern queens. But the current plan presents problems with traffic and other adverse impacts that - as stated in the recently released DEIS - can "not be mitigated".

I implore you to rethink this project in so many ways. To name a few:

Reduce the scale of the project.

Build a full time rail road station at Belmont.

Drop the mega mall from the plans.

Keep the parking away from the north side of the property where it will abut schools and private residences.

You claim to be engaging with our communities. I have personally been to meetings with some of you. These are our concerns and they have not been addressed.

Reconsider.

Remember the human potential of all the communities bordering this project. Respect that all these residents, their future, their families, their way of life, are worth more.