The development of the project at Belmont can be likened to an avalanche. It begins as a small disruption at the top of the ridge but creates a disaster at the bottom of the mountain.

This is the new Belmont project, ladies and gentlemen. Building an arena for 18,000 people could have been created with minimal disruption to the surrounding communities.

But now, everything is different because the project has grown out of proportion. How will deliveries of construction material get to the proposed sites? Trucks cannot used the CIP or the Southern State Parkway.

Where do all the attendees park? Since there is no LIRR direct route for Long Islanders!!

What do all drivers use when there are traffic delays on major roads? Google Maps or Waze. And those vehicles will be traveling through surrounding neighborhoods causing an influx of drivers who will turn our streets into parking lots.

What happens to the thousands of people who attend the races at Belmont Park during the season and during the Belmont Stakes? And has there been any consideration for
the horses or the residents of Belmont Park? (Since the practice track will have active parking.)

What is prevalent about retail spaces and stores in our cities and towns right now? Most of them are closing their brick and mortar establishments and opting for on-line shopping. After all, they are competing with AMAZON!

Why put a 250 room hotel in the middle of nowhere? Are we MSG or Barclays?

Our lives in Elmont, Floral Park, and Queens Village will be negatively impacted by lights, noise, parking, and traffic. Take another look and RETHINK the size of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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