

In December 2017, ESD announced the conditionally designated winner of the 2017 RFP to NYAP, who presented a development encompassing 43 acres of land, designated as Parcel A&B. Parcel B was intended to be 28 Acres of parking for the development, Public Park Space and community centers (south of Hempstead Turnpike). Parcel A was intended to be an Arena, boutique shopping and complimentary restaurants (immediately adjacent the existing Grandstand). The Village of Floral Park, although with caution, recognized the development as something that would secure Belmont for another 100 years and possibly provide an economic engine for the area. Since then the project has changed dramatically and the footprint and overall land use and surrounding community impact has also increased dramatically. According to the DEIS, the reason for the change in plan was because Value Retail PLC, a NON-US based outlet operator, thought it would be better for them. They didn't like the feel of the layout originally proposed & accepted by the state. ESD listened to their concerns and changed the project to reflect their needs and their wants, to our detriment.

This is a far cry to what has been happening to the NYS residents and taxpayers surrounding Belmont Park, who will have to live with this development, and its enormous impact on our quality of life, for the rest of our time here. Time and Time again, we have let the ESD & NYAP know we are unhappy with the growing nature of this project and its now very intrusive characteristics. We have expressed our desire to have it changed for our betterment, but unlike the cooperation given to Value Retail PLC (NYAP) from ESD regarding their needs & desires, we have been ignored. And to make matters worse, not only have our concerns not been addressed, or even attempted to be mitigated, the ESD & NYAP continue to expand the project with the now emerging use of yet another illuminated parking lot in the West End, they refer to as the "East lot".

I respectfully ask the ESD, NYRA, NYAP, FOB and the elected officials representing us to please listen to our legitimate concerns and address them with meaningful input and impact.

The ESD must be cooperative with the VFP & Elmont Community's needs and wants, as they were with Value Retail PLC. This is our quality of Life & the ESD

should not be looking to accommodate foreign based outlet operator, but rather the NYS taxpayers who surround this development and will have to live with it every day

Tonight I would like to specifically address parking surrounding the West End and its impacts. I would like the following addressed:

- Please describe the lighting, and how it is planned to mitigate its impact.
- Will the lighting be angled away from homes and our school?
- What is the height of the lighting?
- Can the lighting be turned off during off hours/non event nights?
- Will trees be planted on the interior & perimeter of the lot to mitigate heat, light & noise pollution?
- The lighting impacts of the East lot must be addressed. Will a jersey wall be placed on the interior of the practice track to deflect light and noise pollution from residential homes?
- We must be guaranteed a substantial 500 foot buffer of natural vegetation & mature dense trees, along with a 10 foot tall berm wall, in perpetuity, along the entire border of the West end of Floral Park. Starting at Plainfield Ave all the way to the FPBS with no gaps. This must be guaranteed in writing and never be removed.
- Tailgating must continue to be not permitted at Belmont Park and must be strictly enforced, with substantial monetary fines paid to the VFP community if it is not.
- A "no horn honking" rule must be in place within the Belmont Park campus, with substantial monetary fines paid to the VFP community if it is not.

This is just naming a few concerns regarding the lots surrounding the quiet residential community of the West End. There will be many more addressed and submitted in writing and I do hope the ESD & NYAP will show us the same respect and consideration as Value Retail PLC, a NON-US based outlet operator, received when requesting a dramatic change in the project for their betterment.