

Good Evening

My name is Archie Cheng and I am a Trustee for the Village of Floral Park and a past Trustee of the FPBSD and the Sewanhaka Central HS District for over 17 years.

The DEIS indicates that 3,000 parking spaces would be utilized for the Project in the North Lot. In a footnote the DEIS states that 150 spaces will be reserved in the North Lot for rideshare vehicles. The North Lot abuts the playground on the grounds of the Floral Park-Bellerose School. A 1000 foot long open chain link fence separates the playground from the North Lot. Over 900 students use the playground daily and many more children use the playground for athletic practices and games in the evening during daylight savings time, the time when evening events occur. The potential for 3000 strangers and 150 unknown Uber or Lyft drivers having close proximity and a clear line of sight to these children is something that cannot happen.

I don't believe it is necessary to recite the number of mass shootings that have occurred in the past years nor the number of sexual predators that are out there. Our schools have taken extra steps to harden entrances, restrict entry and accept school resource police officers in the buildings. Our Police Department has carried out on premises drills to safeguard against intruders. But, there is no way to safeguard an open field against harm, injury or death to our children. Yet, their safety is in our charge.

The DEIS indicates that with all proposed Project Lots open there are 8252 parking spots. On a Saturday midday event, 5,511 spots would be utilized leaving 2,700 unused spots and if there was racing, 2030 more spots would be used for the Belmont track leaving 561 parking spots not utilized. On weekday and Saturday evening events without racing, between 6530 and 6846 spots would be utilized leaving between 1250 to 1570 spots not used.

With that many unused spots, the use of the North Lot could at the very least be diminished or completely eliminated for non-sold out events and a wide buffer established where the 561 unused spots were going to be placed.