

Acton Burning Issues Comment Boards

Town Hall Board:

Economic Development

- be more business friendly! Encourage rather than drive business away. This is not the 16th century!
- Acton needs to have some food chains here. We have to commute to farther places to eat and some shopping places
- Complete the wave project in west acton
- We have 3 malls and some mini malls that have everything Concord has and the parking is easier. From thrift to high end stores and specialty needs for everyday use.
- I think we could use more restaurants and stores. We have areas where it wouldn't adversely affect residential neighborhoods
- I believe we need to advocate to have acton's AAA South other drivers license someway (as some other AAA already do)
- If the current town center is to taken with older homes then where is center going to be? West Acton? Revitalize that area? Agree Acton has no identity
- Acton needs to find an identity. We don't have a "real town center" for food, small shops, etc. It would be nice to go to Concord for all of our needs. Also we need small business, not tacky chains (food & retail) which cheapen our town image.
- I believe Acton has an identity that is founded in its excellent school system. We should foster that.
- Acton needs to reactivate a process to bring sewers to the town. ASAP
- We need a town-wide questionnaire so we can determine each family in Acton is spending on tutoring to keep their kids from failing. Lets find out how good Acton schools really are. The charade is over.
- Prices at Acton stores too expensive → young families go to target and market basket
- More group meeting/ party facilities (indoors)
- We need a center for the arts – theater, music, galleries, café, classes – all the surrounding towns have them
- Food at train

Transportation

- traffic lights at Concord & Main St; and at Newtown Rd & 27! (2x "ditto!")
- newtown & rt 27 too many accidents
- pt wires in ground – get rid of those telephone poles
- dire need for traffic light intersection of Rt 27 & Newtown & Concord Rd
- speed bump on River St where new construction is going on
- enforce speed limit on Concord Rd. Too many cars & trucks fly down the Street
- stop light, speed bump, raised intersection @ 27 & Hayward Rd. Something please!

- The traffic light on rt 27 at school st Rt 27 because traffic coming from High St don't stop @ stop sign. Please make the Green light longer for traffic on Rt 27, Main St to alleviate back up.
- Add stop light on Rt 27 South off High St to cycle traffic coming north. Add extra lane crossing Rt 2 @ Talor & Paper, What a bottle neck!
- Know many people who would use public transportation. Would be great to have it between Acton & Alewife or Acton & Boston center
- More street lights! Nobody can find my home after dark!
- Why can't sidewalks stay on the same side of the street? Having to cross busy streets several times back & forth when walking is dangerous. (ex. Concord Rd, Rt 27) Btw: It's great that more of the 27 now has sidewalks!
- Restriction on car making L turns at stop signs & lights. It really slows the flow of traffic.
- I resent having to pay over \$100 R/T to get to & from Logan airport. I am strongly in favor of public transport around town and to trains and airport.
- Lower speed limit through town center
- Piper road crossing 2 is awful at rush hour w/ people turning left. I'm cut off from the rest of Acton at those times.

Housing

- All the multi-unit homes are great for developers but cheapen the look and feel of our town. Also the taxpayer burden especially for schools will increase as Acton attempts to keep facilities up to par with the increased.
- We really need senior housing that is not high price – nice but not effusive keep-up for owners & will town their taxes too
- With all of the water bans that town must limit building permits to ensure water & sewage is NOT further impacted by development
- To be or 40B? the choice is ours.
- Either ease the watering restrictions OR stop issuing building permits!
- Creation of a couple of small complexes of single-level, elder housing at affordable & market rates (1x Ditto)
- Stop issuing permits for any new construction
- Housing complexes (primarily apartments where tenants do not have a say in what trash facilities are available). NEED to make recycling a much higher priority! (agreed! Ridiculous how much cardboard we waste each much)
- Also, a dog park would be great. There are a lot of apartments with no fenced in areas, and a lot of people would benefit from a large fenced in park
- How about converting some large single family homes or old buildings into “dorm”-type space for under-employed youth? 1-bedroom or studio apartments conversions??
- Need to encourage more development or conversion to accessible private housing
- Real estate taxes are way too high; need business taxes to offset real estate taxes; need more business in Acton!
- Too many giant lawns; too much storm water runoff
- No more condos; it devalues the town!

- Stop issuing multi-unit building permits
- We need high tech companies in Acton

Library:

Economic Development

- More room on the school buses for Jr. High & High school students
- No tattoo parlors! What's next?
- Strip club?
- Stricter rules at drop-off time in the morning at Jr. High
- "affordable" fitness club chain w/ kids indoor swimming pool; like YMCA, work out club, etc
- more entertainment in town (movies, R. G.); things that kids can do; North Acton would be a great place to put these or W. Acton
- good/higher end restaurants
- more park benches anywhere! The town is not people friendly!
- Later buses for Jr & High School students to take home after activities – consider N, S, E, W buses – how much pollution could we save from 500 cars not going for individual kids?
- Yes on more entertainment
- We need in-town entertainment: movie theater; restaurants: panera bread; shopping: target, market basket; recreation: YMCA, other gyms; everything in-town is EXPENSIVE! And we drive long distances for these amenities
- Community center such as an YMCA in old McCarthy-Towne space with a pool
- No tattoo parlor! How did that get approval?!
- Movie theater; ice cream shops; sidewalk with benches, flower pots, to beautify west acton
- Movie theater
- Airsoft! Paintball
- Like the rural town feel – that's why everyone moved here
- I think facility for carpool places would be an asset (MRC)
- More high school parking for juniors

Transportation

- shuttle bus from Avalon Bay to Commuter station
- public transportation – yes! More teens without cars/elderly need to get around
- 1. Bike lanes; 2. Full day/kindergarten for all kids
- full day kindergarten for all kids please
- please consider a van service from concord on great road to train station, will reduce traffic & parking issue at train station
- move sidewalks to areas w/in 2 miles of train
- sidewalks!
- Buses & taxis for kids who can't get home because their parents work LATE! Please!
- Bike paths (even very basic ones!)

- I would love to see more sidewalks & I live less than a mile from work but drive because there are parts w/ no shoulder and no sidewalk
- Need left turn lanes on piper rd @ highway 2!
- Taxi service
- Pave & widen roads with bike lanes & walking lanes
- More sidewalks close to the trains
- How about finally providing enough parking for the library?
- More bike paths (like the new one on Main St) more sidewalks all over town!
- Hate cars; hate traffic; more bike paths & walking paths; reduce greenhouse gases w/ electric vehicles
- Bike paths
- Make awesome fun bike paths
- Amen to bike paths! Would it be possible to hasten the completion of the Acton extension of the rail trail?
- No more sidewalks!
- Stop lights at conflicting streets! Main & Hayward; Main & Concord Av
- Put sidewalks everywhere!
- The new transportation option is great except it ends at 8 pm! To permit people to attend adult education classes which usually go till 9 pm. It needs to run a little bit later, or have the classes end at 8.
- No public transportation → move to Boston if that's what you want or need.

Housing

- areas with sewer seem to be having smaller smaller lot sizes maintain ½ acre zoning in sewer area
- as an alternative to 40B, consider a tax on real estate transactions that would fund the purchase of existing condos
- where to contact Acton housing authority about trustee realty properties and properties the town seized after the resident deceased without declaration at legal inheritance?
- Green areas to be preserved we have enough condos full of people already
- Only more single family homes
- Maintain current open space and do no build more housing Acton has plenty of all types of housing, including affordable
- FINE developers for every tree they cut down
- Acton's ... system is a great asset & @ risk with the amount of housing being built. Overcrowding brings decreased ... performance.
- Acton currently allows homeowners to rent up to 4 people, essentially allowing boarding houses to spring up in family neighborhood. Number of rentals should be lower – or at least some reg to protect home values & keep neighborhood safe. Boarding houses lower property values!