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**To:** Planning Board  
**Subject:** Residences at Quail Ridge - Abutter Comment

Planning Board-

As a resident of Acorn Park and the mother of 3 children (all under the age of 10 years), I urge the Planning Board to reconsider access to the Residences at Quail Ridge (RQR) through the Acorn Park streets. I truly believe that providing full and open street access to 153 RQR residences via Acorn Park streets will create an unsafe environment for the residents of Acorn Park. Please consider the following:

- The streets within Acorn Park are only 20 feet wide, with the exception of one portion of Acorn Park Drive.
- The streets within Acorn Park have significant curvatures.
- The streets within Acorn Park have sight issues.
- Many homes within Acorn Park have very short lot frontages (distance from street to house).
- Many, many children live in Acorn Park. As houses are sold, young kids continue to move into the neighborhood. The four most recent sales have added 8 children, all under the age of 10 years.
- Our children ride their bikes and play ball. I would like to say that they are never in the street but that is not realistic. Kids chase balls into streets. Kids get distracted when riding bikes. Kids forget to look both ways when crossing the street. Kids mess around waiting at the bus stop.
- Significant on-street parking occurs particularly on Hazelnut Street, the winding portion of Acorn Park Drive and in front of houses that have short lot frontages (and therefore short driveways).
- The Acton Fire Chief wrote on 11/20/07 that gated emergency access through Palmer Lane AND Hazelnut Street is ACCEPTABLE.

Please reconsider access to the RQR via Acorn Park streets. I ask you to consider making BOTH Palmer Lane and Hazelnut Street emergency access only roadways to the RQR.

While I speak for myself, I know that my neighbors feel the same way as I do. This was evidenced by the strong Acorn Park resident participation at earlier Planning Board meetings regarding the RQR.

I urge you to DRIVE our streets prior to the July 19th Planning Board meeting. This will help you understand why increased traffic through Acorn Park will result in an unsafe environment for our residents and children. When you drive our streets, please recognize that the number of cars and the number of people and children is significantly lower right now due to summer vacation.

Sincerely,  
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