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Site Plan Review Regulations

Concerns regarding:

Changes to Article I (D) Types of Development Requiring Site Plan Review

I am concerned about these proposed changes.

I do not understand why the Planning Board would not want to review changes made by both the college and the hospital. They have the biggest buildings, the most employees and they house the most residents in single buildings, in the town. I believe it could be detrimental to the town if the town is not aware of the changes that these two institutions make to their buildings.

If the college wanted to change a classroom building into a dormitory, would the town not want to be aware of that? That would affect water, sewer, parking and traffic patterns to name a few things.

Likewise, if the hospital were to change the Clough Center into a Rehab facility, say, that would be a significant change of use which could result in day patients as well as residential patients. This could result in very different traffic and parking patterns. The town should be aware of these changes and have a chance to comment.

I am a strong believer in the value of Site Plan review as are, I believe, the majority of town residents. I am upset that the Planning Board is considering giving preferential treatment to these two entities. Changes in these two institutions affect the entire town.

I believe that Site Plan review is a valuable tool to ensure a well-planned town. To exempt some and not others from it is unfair, and to lessen the ability of New London to have a say in the layout and ramifications thereof of its biggest buildings is a mistake.

I regret that the Planning Board seems to want to make these changes. Instead, it should be safeguarding the atmosphere of this town that we all love.

Please reconsider this change to this Article.

Respectfully submitted,

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