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Kaela Gray, Planning Director  
South Kingstown Town Hall  
180 High St.  
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RE: The Village at Curtis Corner Subdivision

Dear Ms. Gray,

The South Kingstown Police Department Administrative Staff has had an opportunity to review the minutes from the February 25, 2020 Planning Board meeting. We specifically reviewed the Conceptual Master Plan for the Village at Curtis Corner proposed subdivision, which is adjacent to the South Kingstown Public Safety Building.

As a condition of approval to this project, it was asked that the developer research the installation of walking path(s) connecting the proposed development to Kingstown Road (Rt. 108). Presumably, this walking path may have to travel through the property where the Public Safety Complex is situated. We wanted to express our concerns due to some of the sensitive equipment stored in the northwest corner of our property and the safety of potential pedestrians walking adjacent to the driveway leading to Rt. 108.

The area of the proposed walking path is adjacent to our impound lot that protects sensitive evidence used in criminal prosecutions. Also, the area behind the impound lot is the location for the future development of a cellphone and radio antenna tower. This tower is in the planning stages but construction is likely to begin prior to the development of the Village at Curtis Corner Subdivision. Both the tower and the impound lot will have fencing installed around them in order maintain the integrity and security of the items stored.

Along the northern entrance of the Public Safety Complex, leading in from Rt. 108, there is a four-foot retaining wall between the edge of our property and the driveway. There are no sidewalks along this side of our driveway. The contour of the property and proximity to the Public Safety Complex driveway would likely create a conflict between emergency vehicles and pedestrians.

We are supportive of access from the Village at Curtis Corner to the Rt. 108 businesses and bus stops but we feel that any walking paths from the Village should lead to the sidewalks located on Curtis Corner Road. These sidewalks safely extend to the two nearest bus stops located in front of 1744

Kingstown Road and 1838 Kingstown Road. One of the bus stops is north of the Public Safety Complex and the other is just south of the Curtis Corner Road intersection.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if you feel the need for one of the administrative staff to address the Planning Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Geaber', written in a cursive style.

Joseph P. Geaber, Police Chief