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To the Planning Board, Town of Ipswich

I have lived at 50 Mill Road on the Ipswich side of the Norwood bridge for 27 years, and have been a frequent walker (sometimes several times a week) on Waldingfield Road. It is as scenic a route as any on the North Shore, as most locals would attest. But I have to be quite careful, as cars can present an obvious danger in that the road is a narrow, winding passage through a residential area. In fact, no two cars can pass me simultaneously unless I step off the road, or as courteous drivers do, defer to me and pass by individually. That's the way it's been during my pedestrian experience, and I'm not aware of any mishaps during those years. I believe that record will be seriously jeopardized if the Ora project is allowed to move forward.

The Ora "consultants" have spent an inordinate amount of time on ameliorating the consequences of the increased amount of traffic, a lot of it on the speed dimension. In that the road is a narrow, winding and somewhat hilly lane with many blind sight lines, keeping to the posted speed limit seems to be a given, and "calming measures" like speed bumps appear ridiculous. The real problem is the volume of "project generated trips", and if the forecasts prove accurate, the volume of traffic will pose an imminent danger to everyone who uses the road, especially pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. No one needs reminding that this is not (and hopefully never will be) a state route like 1A.

Respectfully,

Michael Greene