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To: Ethan Parsons and the Ipswich Planning Board

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The following letter was submitted to the Ipswich Local News

If Ora wins, Ipswich loses

I went for a bike ride last Friday and was 2 miles from home at the end of Waldingfield Road when I got a flat tire. I silently cursed my bad luck then began pushing my bike along the side of the road and realized that it was a warm spring day and this wasn't such a bad walk. A few moments later a car slowed down and stopped next to me. A woman called out from the driver's seat, "Excuse me, do you know what all these signs are about?" I moved a little closer and said, "As a matter of fact I do." I then explained that a company called Ora, Inc. is trying to build an office complex on the site of 55 Waldingfield Road and the neighbors, along with many others, are opposing it. Immediately she replied, "What? Oh no, I love this road. Do you think they will win?" I sighed and said they probably would. She became agitated and said, "Of course they will. Big business and money always win. Why don't they go somewhere else?" I shook my head and said "I don't know." I asked if she lived in Ipswich and when she said yes, I advised her to write a letter to the planning board. I said that's all we can do. She drove away and I resumed my walk. The bike seemed a little heavier.

If Ora wins, Ipswich loses. That's all there is to it.

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