



August 10, 2023

Newbury Planning Department
Town Municipal Offices
12 Kent Way
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**RE: #7 Bittersweet Lane Common Driveway
Newbury, MA**

Attn: Ms. Martha Taylor, Town Planner

Dear Martha:

Please see the updated site plan and details in response to the Planning Board and Peer Review comments. The widening has been moved to the left(south) side of the existing common driveway to protect the existing 24" tree. The easement documents are now in process and we expect to be submitting drafts for review within the next week or two. Please see the following responses to the July 10th Engineering Peer Review letter submitted by Joseph Serwatka.

Sheet -100, Common Driveway Zoning Plan

1. No response required.
2. Yes, the Order of Conditions is for the Common Driveway design. The Order would require to be amended if a standalone driveway is constructed.
3. The north arrow can be found on the upper right corner of the title block on the plan sheet.

Sheet -101, Common Driveway Site Plan;

1. The north arrow can be found on the upper right corner of the title block on the plan sheet.
2. The easement plan and documents are now in progress and expected to be submitted in the next week.
3. The widening is now provided on the southerly side. The common drive is crowned for the first 125 feet and super-elevated for the remaining length sloping to the south side. With the widening now provided on the south side all runoff is directed to the stone trench.

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4. The common drive is located at the very end of Bittersweet Drive with only a private driveway continuing to the right of the subject common driveway. The driveway will not be adjusted to meet the 60-degree requirement. There is no safety issue with the current alignment as it is located at the end of Bittersweet Lane.
5. There is no work now proposed at the 24" tree location.
6. The swales and pipes are located on private property and maintained by the property owner. There are no easements needed or proposed by the current landowner. The drainage systems directing flow from the public ways onto this property were never properly permitted and installed without permission directing new stormwater flow onto the property.
7. The 12" drain has been reviewed as part of the Notice of Intent application review with the Order of Conditions handling this proposed work.

Sheet -102 Notes and Details ;

1. The 24" dimension has been added to the detail.
2. The widening is now proposed on the south side addressing the drainage flowing both the super-elevated and crowned sections.

We look forward to covering the changes to the design at the upcoming Planning Board meeting. If you have any questions, please email, or call me at 617-776-3350.

Sincerely,

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