

Kings Park Neighbors' Association

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Dear Neighbor,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. We now look forward to a challenging fall.

Kings Park Neighbors' Association continues to remain busy these days. As you all know, the present potential purchaser of the former Psychiatric Center is The Arker Companies of Woodmere. Arker's only formal statement regarding their development plans can still only be found in their Brownsfield application. According to Arker, they plan to construct 1,800 units of residential housing and ancillary uses. The units are anticipated to be a combination of age-restricted, free-market and work force units.

According to the DEC, a determination has been made regarding Arker's Brownsfield application and it has been granted for the limited area around the polluted power plant. This will in all likelihood cover no more and probably less than 10 acres. As of this letter, there is no closing date for this property.

It has been and continues to be our position that this type of high density development of this property will literally destroy our community. It will drastically impact our already overburdened school system, traffic, community services and facilities and most importantly, our overall quality of life. There is no doubt that intensive development of this property will benefit the developer but it would devastate our town. We continue to reach out to the Governor in an effort to protect our community. In addition, we have also sought the help of Senators Schumer and Clinton. We continue to encourage everyone to keep contacting our local state officials, Senator Flanagan and Assemblyman Fitzpatrick, to voice your opinion and request their help regarding this most important issue.

The land at the former hospital holds much promise for our community and if not developed carefully and with the community's best interest in mind, it could turn out to be a lost opportunity, or worse, a nightmare. Towards this goal, we have invited Mr. David Flynn, from the Smithtown Planning Department, to speak at our upcoming meeting regarding the complexities of the KPPC property, including all existing regulations. We welcome all to come in an effort to learn about this unique piece of property.

With knowledge comes power. Please join us on October 19th at 7:15pm in the RJO cafeteria.

Best Regards,

Linda Henninger
President, KPNA