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Good Afternoon -

My husband and I are in receipt of the notice for an Application for Special Use Permit for "The Lapham", and are residents at 1622 S. 82nd Street. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the public hearing but wanted to share our thoughts on the public parking lots, specifically those located at 16\*\* S 82nd St and 1603 S 81st.

1. As the parking lots are currently marked, both would exit into the alley that our residence shares. Like many alleys in West Allis, this is a single lane alley that allows entry from both the north and south. Vehicles traveling in opposite directions are required to maneuver around the other to pass. It is our concern that with the addition of "The Lapham" customer vehicles exiting the parking lots via our alley, this will cause increased congestion. More importantly, because customer vehicles will be exiting onto Lapham St, residents could potentially have a more difficult time entering the alley on this side. I have been stopped on numerous occasions from entering the alley at this side due to vehicles exiting, and have also seen cars nearly hit each other doing the same thing. We fear the extra traffic will increase this potential hazard. It's also important to note the customer traffic will likely continue into the late evenings/early morning as "The Lapham" plans to operate late hours.

2. The shrubbery/bushes on the property of 1603 S 81st located at the alley exit has been an ongoing problem for blocking vision of both the sidewalk and traffic. (I have attached a photo from the view from my driver's seat for reference, and I would be happy to provide more.) These bushes will be even more of a problem with an increase of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic from "The Lapham." We would strongly encourage these bushes be removed to aid in traffic safety at this alley entrance/exit.

We would like to note that we are both in favor of and welcome all the new businesses and development that we have seen in the last several years in the City. We are also excited to see something happening at the 1603 property after being vacant for so long - we would definitely patronize a restaurant just steps away from our home! It is our wish, however, that the residents' day-to-day lives and travels be taken into consideration with the planning of this new venture.

We thank you for your consideration and will be happy to answer any follow up questions you may have.

Kristen & Jeff Kilsdonk

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