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NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

Several meetings have been held by the community regarding the proposed building of a CVS Pharmacy at the former LaGrange Inn site in West Islip.

In response to the concerns raised at these meetings I recently sent a letter to Dave Genaway, Commissioner of Planning for the Town of Islip and the Islip Town Planning Board addressing one major issue that still remains a serious concern of the residents, especially those living in close proximity to the site – the proposed 24 hour drive-through pharmacy window.

In previous correspondence to the Islip Town Planning Board I had suggested the 24 hour drive-through window be deleted due to the fact that the present location of the CVS on Sequams Lane in West Islip has no drive-through. I also suggested that in addition to the 25 foot buffer running along the northerly portion of the property that a 10-12 foot sound barrier fence be constructed in order to give sufficient noise remediation to the neighbors most effected by traffic who live on the south side of Wilherm Lane and that designated times be put in place with regard to truck deliveries.

In my most recent letter to the Town of Islip Planning Board I strongly recommended that if the drive-through remains in the proposed plans that hours of operation be limited to 7:00 am – 10:00 pm and if CVS refuses to compromise on this issue I strongly oppose their application and recommend that the entire proposal be denied.

This pending application is the only viable alternative at the moment for the property but the applicant best remember that since the beginning of time there has never been a CVS on this property and if there is none human kind as we know it will survive.