

Dear Mr. Muldawer and Mr. Portner,

After learning more about the proposed changes and parking facilities for Jenkintown train station, I request that you do what you can as representatives of our community to oppose the project moving forward as planned. I consider both safety (particularly of children) and the aesthetic appeal of Wyncote as the two major factors in my request.

A parking garage will attract more crime which will in turn will warrant more attention by our police. It will also provide a less than ideal environment for our kids (especially teens) to congregate. In addition, what attracted my wife and me to Wyncote is the aesthetic nature of the neighborhood, especially the parks, residential streets and historic train station. Yes, taxes are high, but we would rather live in a community that values the same quality-of-life issues as ourselves, otherwise we would have moved to Abington or Upper Dublin, which lack some of the other challenges we face as a community.

It is also apparent that members of the community have proposed alternatives that may very well fulfill the needs of Septa, DVRP and provide the same realistic boost our own business and economy(I have yet to be convinced that there will be any real gain in local tax revenue from a 5 story garage). These alternatives appear to be well-informed and reasonable.

I understand that we have to take into consideration all possible benefits to Cheltenham, not simply the desires of Wyncote residents. From what I have experienced in my years in Cheltenham, I know that we have the talent, experience and desire to find win-win solutions...when we are properly served and represented. This issue has too many implications to our community to leave entirely in the "hands" of Septa.

Respectfully,

Mike Kwas  
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