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Planning Board
Town of Wellesley
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Re: PSI 20-04: Wellesley Country Club Racquet Facility

Members of the Planning Board,

In accordance with Section 16A and Section 22 of the Zoning Bylaw, the Design Review Board (the "Board") has reviewed materials submitted by Wellesley Country Club (the "Applicant") as part of its Application for Review of a Project of Significant Impact for removal of an existing racquet facility and the construction of a new racquet facility at Applicants campus at 300 Wellesley Avenue (the "Project"). The Project constitutes a Major Construction Project under Section 16A. In accordance with that section, the Design Review Board reviewed the project under the Design Criteria in Section 22.

The Board considered the Project at the Board's meetings on July 15, 2020 and August 12, 2020. The Board was concerned about the size and massing of the building, the extent and diversity of landscaping for the Project, on-site parking, and the location of and traffic to the service entrance. For the August 12, 2020, meeting the Applicant submitted a revised landscaping plan and revised views reflecting the revised landscaping. At both meetings, the Applicant and its design team discussed at length with the Board the design process and alternatives considered in preparing the submitted plans.

The Board finds that the plans reflect an appropriate resolution of design challenges and the landscaping as modified provides appropriate screening and enhancement of the building. The Board expressed desire that the Applicant continue to look at increasing the variety of plantings, including more evergreens on the east side, and modifying the roadway layout to lessen the visibility of the service entrance.

Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Don McCauley, Planning Director
On Behalf of the Design Review Board

cc: Jose Soliva, Design Review Board Chair