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Subject: Public comment for Case No. 25-060 – Molnlycke Health Care
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Mr. James,

I am a resident of Brunswick Landing and would like to express some concerns regarding Case No. 25-060 – Molnlycke Health Care, which is set for staff review on January 14, 2026.

As a neighbor, I'm aware of the ongoing Superfund/CERCLA investigation related to PFAS in the project area. It is concerning that this is not discussed in the permit application materials. I would like reassurance that the applicant is aware of this issue and that construction will be safely conducted to mitigate risks to the public.

The engineering report suggests that “the owner coordinate environmental requirements with MRRA.”

- Given that MRRA is not a regulatory body and is not conducting the PFAS investigation, what is the rationale for their consultation on these requirements?
- Has the applicant consulted with the Navy or EPA about contaminants on the property?
- Was permission from the Navy obtained before digging the test pits mentioned, as per land use controls?

It's known that there is contaminated groundwater in the area. As the application notes, groundwater lies very close to the surface (and that was during drought conditions), so there is a risk that excavated soil could be contaminated by this water.

- Have soil and groundwater samples been tested for PFAS, and will ongoing testing occur during construction (e.g., of soil and construction dewatering material)?
- Will the applicant commit to sharing any PFAS test results with the Town and the public?

Superfund land use controls prohibit the removal of soil from the parcel. The application does not seem to sufficiently describe how excavated soil will be managed, in light of this requirement. This has been a problem with other construction projects on Brunswick Landing, for example the tall soil piles visible from Admiral Fitch (across from Sandpiper and Pointe28 Apartments), which have remained uncovered and unfenced for over a year. I used to walk from my home to Wild Oats and Flight Deck, but no longer do so because there is often so much dust blowing around from those piles.

I'm concerned about a recurrence of this situation right next door to those businesses, both of which have popular outdoor dining.

- What measures will be taken to protect outdoor patrons from inhaling dust from excavated soil that may be contaminated (e.g., covering any excavated soil to mitigate dust)?
- Will fencing be installed to prevent children from climbing or accessing soil piles?
- What measures will be taken for aesthetics, to avoid unsightly soil piles next to outdoor dining businesses?
- Who will oversee these measures?

Additionally, I noticed that a groundbreaking ceremony for this project was held in September and attended by the Governor and other high-level officials, prior to permit application. I do hope that Town staff and the planning board will still be allowed to conduct an independent review, as they normally would.

Thank you,

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From: [Joel](#)
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Mr. James,

As a neighbor of the proposed Molnlycke project on Brunswick Landing, I have a few general comments. The expansion of this successful existing business is ultimately one that will likely provide a net benefit to the Brunswick community. However, any project on Brunswick Landing comes with some inherent challenges, and I request that the Town make every effort to ensure that the planning for this project is comprehensive to address the substantial environmental risks that exist.

While there is some general discussion of Navy involvement for soil management in the packet, there is no mention of the site being located on a Superfund (CERCLA) location or the known reports of PFAS in groundwater on and near the site. As a resident that frequents this area, a robust plan to monitor, manage, and publicly report all potential environmental hazards encountered during construction has been lacking in other similar projects. Such a plan to improve public communication and transparency during construction is desperately needed for the many residents and businesses that are neighbors. For example:

- near real-time public reporting if PFAS-contaminated groundwater is encountered and any remedial steps taken as a result
- reporting the origin of any excavated soils and status of PFAS contamination
- if soil piles are being kept on the property, measures to ensure that the piles are properly covered so that any potential PFAS contaminants do not become airborne and impact nearby outdoor dining

While I appreciate that active oversight of many of these issues does not ultimately lie with the Town during construction, a proposal by the applicant that includes such efforts aimed at improving public communication would be very meaningful for the residents that will be impacted by construction. Without such public transparency and reassurances, I would be much less likely to frequent the wonderful outdoor dining options adjacent to the project (which I would sorely miss). I hope that these or similar suggestions will be incorporated to help ensure public safety.

Thank you,

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