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Many thanks for the opportunity to raise our concerns over the development of this new pool. As 19-year residents at [REDACTED] who have absolutely loved living on the Circle, it is unfortunate that neither Charles nor I can participate in the Zoom call at 4:30 this aft as we both have obligations at work. We were out of the country for a week and only returned late last night so we could not prepare any material before now.

Our questions are: is another pool really necessary? What is the occupancy of the existing pool by day in the months of June, July, and August. In the spring, fall and winter, it seems that the pool has very few users during the week. I don't know about weekend use. Would it not be better to put the pool on the Oak Knoll side of the hotel where the disruption would be minimal to homeowners and their families?

The two tennis courts will have to be removed to build the pool. Since the easing of Covid restrictions and the return to normal of hotel activities like tennis, those two courts, over the last several months, have been very busy and hard to book at a time convenient to our schedules. Tennis is a very popular sport for families and individuals these days. The hotel staff says that they will redo court three which is down below the existing courts that has been converted into a play area. As a former competitive tennis player, I am very familiar with the sport and the rules. The problem is that tennis courts are built on a north south platform. Court 3 was east west before the conversion. With the current court space, court 3 could not be turned into a proper north south court. It makes it hard to see the ball if not north south.

The noise and dust were bad enough during the redo last year of the picture bridge. We can only imagine the noise, dirt, and inconvenience to the property owners on the circle and on Ridge and Wentworth if this construction were to proceed.

There is no question in our minds that the pool will change the character of our neighborhood and reduce the value of our lovely properties. We realize the hotel needs to be profitable but rather than building this pool, they should focus on updating the main hotel facility and do some badly needed deferred maintenance on the hotel buildings. Or, put the pool on the Oak Knoll side of the hotel.

Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns over the development of another pool. Cheers, Charles and Sally Kesler