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Hello Mr. Hennerfeind,

I'm a current resident of Darien, located on Marlborough Lane and one of the houses directly south of the ComEd substation. I'm writing to you regarding the proposed zoning request submitted by ComEd for a variation in size to a tower on their property.

I'm disappointed to read ComEd's proposal, which contains what I believe are some inaccuracies and exaggerations regarding their assessment of the area and comparable substations with similar-sized towers. Based upon ComEd's own screenshot submitted, there is more than double the foliage to the west of their substation than there is to the south, let alone "significant" vegetative foliage. In fact, I would argue most of that foliage has been planted in our backyards at our own expense, in response to the substation's presence. ComEd would have to add considerably more foliage and taller trees in order to make me feel comfortable with a 100 foot plus tower sprouting up past the current amount there.

Additionally, the two comparable substations ComEd points to with similar-sized towers neglects to point out that both are situated much differently regarding residential housing nearby. The Willow Springs facility does not back up to any residential housing, but rather the Heritage Corridor Metra line and industrial neighbors, according to ComEd's own words. The West Chicago substation has the benefit of being surrounded by the Great Western Trail and the Klein Creek Golf Course; again, no residential housing is nearly as close as our houses are to the Darien substation.

I also take issue with ComEd's submitted photos of the houses along Marlborough Lane that they argue show the proposed structure would be completely obscured by our current foliage. Unfortunately, that pertains only to our front yards. I would ask ComEd to see how things look from my backyard instead (and would welcome them to stop by and view such), as well as the concern I have with the rooms at the back of my house being much closer and in view of the structure.

Finally, I would request ComEd provide a tentative timeline of work should such tower be approved. How long would this project take to complete? One month? Six? A year? We've already experienced a variety of noise when ComEd works on a project and while understandable to a degree, I'm not looking forward to hearing them work on removing and constructing this tower over the course of 9 PM - 6 AM while trying to sleep and keep my child from waking constantly.

Thank you,

Anne Dorminey