

Poor location for sports complex

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Middletown elected officials haven't learned their lesson from their last attempt to find a location for a sports complex in Lincroft.

This time, their choice of fields is on the corner of West Front Street and Everett Road on the border of Holmdel. For 30 years, these fields have been used by various soccer clubs with acceptance by the residents. Now the township, in its attempt to use a \$2.3 million bond and provide a new home for the Pop Warner Chargers, has decided on this location.

The plan was proposed Oct. 19 and approved in December without full disclosure to the public about the intent and extent of the full use of the fields. What is the Township Committee thinking? To build two turf fields with 70-foot lights, a PA system, an enlarged parking area and a snack bar — surrounded by a chain link fence — without informing residents is insulting.

Furthermore, to plan this on a busy road and dangerous intersection without first doing a traffic study is irresponsible. Putting this sports complex in a peaceful residential area, across the street from a church, without the residents' knowledge is deceitful and dishonest. Our officials should be ashamed of themselves.

Yes, Pop Warner needs an improved field, but to put one in this location will only lead to more serious problems. This will affect our quality of life and decrease our property values. This speaks volumes about our elected officials and their way of doing business.

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