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Dear Assessing Officer,

As a local business owner, my concerns are about the parking and traffic in the area. We already experience a high volume of cars on Albert Street especially on weekends as this is the main thoroughfare to and from our beach.

The fact that Alma Restaurant will not provide a private, off-street loading bay, is what concerns me the most. The notion that every delivery will be made in the morning, before Freshwater village becomes busy, is unrealistic. From personal experience I know that delivery companies work on their own schedule and will not be so considerate of the impact they will have on our residents and traffic flow, when they fall behind "schedule".

With the opening of the much needed IGA supermarket the volume of traffic is sure to increase and delivery trucks looking for parking will slow traffic flow further. Being a resident of Freshwater since 2007 and a business owner for the past two years I know how bad the congesting can get during the peak hours. I truly believe that this increased congestion will lead to patrons avoiding the main street of the village entirely and using the residential side streets as a detour to the beach, negatively impacting all the local businesses.