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Dear Mayor and Council:

As a longtime Palm Beach resident, I am disturbed by the continuing problems associated with new home construction on the island. Our small residential streets are often blocked with large contractor vehicles while noise and debris are present around dozens of construction locations.

More importantly, these new homes are often massive in scale and totally out of character with our residential neighborhoods. Not only are these homes massive, but they seem to exceed our height limits. Has there been a change in our zoning code regarding height?

This also brings up the question of setbacks for these properties. It seems as if most of these properties are building from border to border, hardly leaving any breathing space or green space. This eliminates privacy.

Traffic is another problem. In order to manage the congestion, perhaps the town should establish construction zones where only a set limit of sites could be worked on during their permitted time limit. This would limit the number of vehicles and ease the traffic.

Furthermore, construction should only be permitted from Monday to Friday giving the residents their weekends free of noise.

I understand that the town council is reviewing this important matter at the upcoming June 9 meeting. I sincerely hope that action will be taken to improve our zoning codes. We love our town and want to preserve its charm and history.

Thank you for any consideration you may give to my letter and thank you for your time, energy and service to our town.

Sincerely,
Mai V. Hallingby Harrison