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Plainsboro planners OK Linpro project

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PLAINSBORO — The Linpro Co. developers of Princeton Meadows, received unanimous approval from the Planning Board last night to build 284 condominiums and 306 townhouses.

The site is bounded by Plainsboro Road, the Princeton Meadows Country Club, Scotts Corner Road, the Brittany Townhouses and Hunters Glen apartments.

The approval came despite criticism by board members of a traffic study made by the developer.

The proposed development includes 678 parking spaces.

The study, by Richard Mazur of Mazur Associates, failed to take into account traffic anticipated from other developments, board members

said, including the proposed Wiltshier shopping center and office complex, which is expected to generate several thousand cars a day.

Nor did the study consider 4,000 units of new housing in neighboring Cranbury as a result of a Mount Laurel II lawsuit. Much of that traffic could spill onto Plainsboro Road, Township Planner Mike Mueller said.

Mueller and Township Engineer George Veghte called for installation of a traffic light at Plainsboro Road and Hunters Glen East by mid-1986 at the latest, to accommodate traffic from the new development and other parts of the township.

Residents asked Mazur if an environmental impact study had been done of emissions from the number of automobiles expected. The answer was no.

When completed, the Tamarand condominiums will include 40 units of low- and moderate-income housing as part of the township's "fair share" of affordable housing under a settlement of a Mount Laurel II lawsuit. However, Planning Board Attorney Robert Casey said the settlement was being renegotiated because of the lack of federal money needed to finance senior citizen housing the township had planned to build as part of the settlement.

The Tamarand condominiums will sell for \$56,000 to \$90,000 each and the Hampshire townhouses for \$95,000 to \$120,000, according to a spokesman for Linpro. Both developments would include a pool, tennis courts and a tot lot.

Linpro was criticized by several residents for proposing new construction before completing work al-

ready in progress.

A spokesman for Linpro, William Welhenmayer, cited "labor shortages" as the reason the construction on Hunters Glen had not been completed. He said the work would be finished by June.

A resident of Brittany, Mary Gamain, told the Planning Board that Linpro had "shown a tremendous disdain for people who've already moved in" by not responding to their concerns about heat and drainage problems.

Casey called the problem "political" and said it was difficult to tie the problem to the new proposal.

A spokesman for Linpro said the company will break ground on the 590 new units in 60 to 90 days and construction will begin in about five months. The project is expected to be completed in 1986.

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