

# Sample Letter – Objection to PennDOT HOP Application

**To:**

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 6-0  
Attn: Permits Unit / Highway Occupancy Permit  
7000 Geerdes Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

**From:**

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State ZIP]  
[Email / Phone]

**Date:** [Insert Date]

**Re:** Objection to HOP APPLICATION NUMBER 375666 - CYCLE 3 SUBMISSION

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Dear PennDOT Permits Engineer:

I am a homeowner residing at [insert address], immediately [north/south/east/west] of the proposed access to U.S. Route 202 referenced above. I respectfully submit these **objections and comments** regarding the pending **Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP)** application filed for [project name, if known] in Concord Township.

## 1. Safety and Sight-Distance Deficiencies

Based on the submitted plans and on-site conditions, the proposed driveway location appears to **lack adequate safe sight distance** for vehicles entering or exiting onto U.S. Route 202, contrary to **67 Pa. Code § 441.8(h)**. Existing traffic speeds and topography create unsafe turning movements, particularly during peak commuter hours.

## 2. Traffic and Congestion Impacts

The project will generate substantial turning movements at an already congested intersection. Without additional mitigation, queuing and left-turn conflicts may impair through-traffic flow and emergency response times. Under **67 Pa. Code § 441.6(a)**, PennDOT must ensure the proposed access will not cause “a safety hazard or undue interference with normal highway traffic.”

## 3. Drainage and Run-Off

Stormwater discharge from the proposed access appears to flow toward adjacent residential properties. Any design that directs runoff onto private lands or increases flooding risk would violate **§ 441.8(g)** (drainage) and **PennDOT Design Manual Part 2, Chapter 10**.

#### **4. Coordination with Local Land-Use Review**

This access directly supports a private development now before Concord Township for subdivision/land-development approval. Under **53 P.S. § 10513 (MPC § 513)** and **Concord Township Code § 160-76**, PennDOT is urged to coordinate with the **Chadds Ford Township** to ensure that roadway improvements and traffic controls align with adjoining developments and do not create new hazards.

#### **5. Request for Denial or Modification**

For the reasons above, I respectfully request that **Department impose the following specific modifications or conditions on any approval of the Application:**

- Independent traffic and safety analyses verify adequate sight distance and intersection performance;
- Drainage design demonstrates no off-site impacts;
- Prohibition of ALL access to the proposed “Shoppes at Concord” retail shopping center from Ridge Road. Specifically, the Department should not permit any entrance or exit points connecting the development to Ridge Road; and
- Requirement for the installation of appropriate barriers to mitigate noise and light pollution.

Please include this letter and any supporting documentation in the official HOP record under **67 Pa. Code § 441.3(b)**. I request written confirmation that these comments have been received and will be considered as part of the Department’s review.

Thank you for your attention to public safety and community impacts.  
Respectfully submitted,

**[Signature]**

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Email / Phone]