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To: Hingham Historic Districts Commission
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Re: Opposition to Proposed Redevelopment of 709 Main Street, Hingham, MA

Dear Members of the Hingham Historic Districts Commission,

We are writing to formally express our strong opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street. As Hingham residents of eight years and direct abutters at 11 Mill Lane, we are deeply concerned about the impact this project will have on both the historic character of our neighborhood and the safety and quality of life for local families.

The existing home at 709 Main Street is a historic property that reflects the architectural charm and heritage of Hingham. The proposed design, however, represents a drastic departure from this character. By significantly altering the views of 709 Main Street from both the front and side angles, the plan would replace its current historic charm with the look and feel of a large condominium complex — the type of development more commonly found in dense urban areas, not within the Glad Tidings Historic District. Such a project is wholly out of place in this historic neighborhood, undermining the integrity of the district and eroding the town's unique identity.

In addition to these preservation concerns, the proposed expansion raises potential safety issues. Mill Ln is a narrow residential street where many young families live, and children frequently walk, bike, and play. Traffic from such a multifamily development could endanger children and disrupt the quiet, family-oriented character of the neighborhood.

We respectfully urge the Commission to carefully consider the implications of this project. Preserving the historic integrity of our community should remain paramount. Approving a plan that so significantly alters a historic home and its surrounding views would set an unfortunate precedent for Hingham.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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