

Dear Hingham Historic Districts Commission,

I am writing on behalf of my family to voice our opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street. As neighbors living at 17 Mill Lane, we are deeply concerned about how this project would affect the historic character of the district as well as the safety and quality of life for families in the area.

When we chose to move to Mill Lane, it was because of the charm, history, and quiet residential feel of this neighborhood. At no point did we expect or anticipate that large-scale, multi-family style housing could be introduced here. The proposed redevelopment looks and feels more like a condominium complex than a historic home, which is completely out of place in the Glad Tidings Historic District. Such a change would not only alter the appearance of 709 Main Street itself but also undermine the identity of the entire neighborhood.

Equally concerning are the safety implications. Mill Lane is a narrow road where young children frequently walk, bike, and play. Adding the traffic from a multi-family property would significantly increase the risks to children and disrupt the family-friendly environment that defines this community. As parents of two toddlers, we are especially sensitive to how dangerous and congested this street could become.

We strongly urge the Commission to consider the broader impact this project would have. Preserving the historic integrity of Hingham must remain a priority. Approving a plan that introduces such an incompatible structure would not only compromise one property but could also set a harmful precedent for future development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
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