

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 opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street. Our family has been Hingham residents for fourteen (14) years and the homeowners of 699 Main Street. During our stewardship of a historic home in the Glad Tidings Plain we have been before the Historic Commission many times. During all our hearings at the Historic Commission, one thing stands out, the Hingham Historic Commission's unwavering commitment to maintaining the architectural integrity and beauty of Hingham's historic homes, districts, and neighborhoods.

As you are aware, the existing home at 709 Main Street is a deeply historic property dating to 1747. Pre Revolutionary properties in the condition of 709 Main Street are increasingly uncommon, and the 709 Main Street Property is one of the oldest properties remaining in the Glad Tiding Plain.

It is axiomatic that the proposed design conflicts with the character of the existing home and demonstrates a woeful disregard for the historic nature of the home, its neighborhood, and Hingham. The plan would replace its current historic charm with the look and feel of a suburban mega mansion or condominium complex. This project is out of place in the Glad Tiding Plain on Main Street.

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 and unnecessarily alters a historic home would set an unfortunate precedent for Hingham.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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