

Hingham Historic Districts Commission

210 Central Street

Hingham, MA 02043

Dear Members of the Hingham Historic Districts Commission,

I am writing to formally express opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street. 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.

Main Street and other designated historic districts in town are our town's most valuable and irreplaceable assets. Our town's historic beauty is what makes Hingham special. I moved here 8 years ago and every time my dad visits driving from Guilford CT (another New England town with great respect for the towns history) he makes sure to come down Main Street and always reminds me of how unique and beautiful that stretch of property is. We must maintain it!

The plan proposed by a developer with no long term interest in the town or the historic beauty of the street 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. I fear the slippery slope an exception for this property would create for future development that would destroy our town's original and unique character.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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