

Hingham Historic Districts Commission

210 Central Street

Hingham, MA 02043

Dear Members of the Hingham Historic Districts Commission,

We are writing to formally express opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 709 Main Street. 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.

We have reviewed the plans for 709 and feel that the proposed design conflicts with the character of the existing home and its broader neighborhood. The plan would replace its current historic charm with the look and feel of a suburban condominium complex. This project is out of place in the Glad Tiding Plain on Main Street.

We recently completed a large-scale renovation of our historic home at 107 Main Street. During this time we came to the Commission several times to seek guidance or to present to this board, it was always with the goal of rebuilding and preserving our home in a way that is consistent with the mission of the district. We know firsthand the importance of thoughtful stewardship, and I deeply value the Commission's role in protecting the historic fabric of this community.

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,

Greg and Laura Weibley, 107 Main Street, Hingham