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Dear Members of the Planning Board

My name is Adrienne Burley and my family and I have lived in Durham since 1970. Most of that time was on Edgewood Road but now I live at Brookside Commons. When moving to NH, the draw of Durham was the appeal of living downtown...easy walking access to schools, library, UNH and shopping.

Many letters have been written by many, outlining the questionable variances that are being considered. I am appealing to consider remembering what it is that makes Durham Durham.

Durham for so many years has been a Town with a University however in the past 10 years we have been slowing but steadily moving to a University with a town.

This directional move has changed the visual landscape of the town... taller buildings and denser living accommodations designed for a population demographic that is appealing to occupants who are here for their "college days" and are not mindful of the growth of the town of Durham. Certainly we have witnessed the gradual residential changes that have taken place on Madbury Road, Edgewood Road and to some extent Mill Road... and certainly the Faculty area. Families are moving away from town as students move in next door.

A short time ago, someone came before the Planning Board requesting a permit for a Food Truck in the Hannaford lot... much concern was expressed about that endeavor... the noise pollution, late hours and trash. However, the idea of 250 students **permanently** living about 100+- yards down the same parking lot has been given a lot of Durham's time and expense to try to find ways of justifying their being given questionable approval. Once all these buildings are up... there is no going back.

I fear we will realize too late... that we've have squandered this very desirable town environment to "investors" who have no vested interest in what Durham looks and lives like for the future.

Thank you,

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