

To: Durham Conservation Commission Members
From: Ellie and Donald Sutherland, 25 Faculty Road
Date: November 21, 2020
Re: Mill Plaza Redevelopment

We are writing to ask that you listen to the people who call Durham their home, and who have written many letters about the Mill Plaza redevelopment. The plaza is and should be a gem for downtown Durham.

Much planning and many meetings were devoted to the Mill Plaza Study report. We have previously written letters to the town about the plans and in support of a plaza that benefits Durham.

The proposals thus far for this site are all horribly wrong for Durham.

The following are unacceptable. I ask that you listen to the many townspeople who have written in detail about the below points.

- violation of the Conditional Use Zoning
 - over-sized buildings, student housing focus
- destruction of the wooded hillside between the plaza and Main St.
- parking spaces and other structures in the wetland setback – this is a protected wetland zone which should not be violated
- flooding issues due to the plaza
 - disregard for the health of College Brook

Thank you for your attention.

All the best,
Ellie and Donald Sutherland