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To: Michael Behrendt; Karen Edwards
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Attachments: JMackie email re Cond Use 18 Main 1.6.19.pdf

As a Cowell Drive residents my husband and I have been concerned with the applications with respect to 18 Main. We are currently out of State and unable to attend the meeting on January 9th. In review of the revised application we were initially concerned with two points: the entry point onto Cowell of a drainage pipe. and exactly what the Conditional Use is.

I contacted Mike Sievert re the drainage issue and while OK with most of the response.. am concerned with the words "*I believe that I have changed the design*"

Response from Mike:

Mike Sievert

to me

Hi Nina,

In response to your questions about the drainage, I believe I have changed the design from what was originally presented and you are referring to. I have redesign the drainage pipe to the east site of the property between 12 and 14 Cowell. The culver outlets into the swale right above the catch basin at the intersection with Sauer Dr. This design is less disturbance on the 12 Cowell Dr. lot and provides a better direct connection with the Towns closed drainage system, and does not outlet into the ditch along the front of 12 Cowell. In addition, the stormwater treatment system design for this project exceeds the Town's requirements and therefore will provide improvement to the stormwater runoff in the area. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mike

To address the conditional use. I refer to an email from Janet Mackie (attached) which points out issues showing that conditional use has not been met... and would provide additional traffic and safety concerns at a choke point of entry into downtown Durham.

While new to the downtown scene as having recently moved back to Durham after a a five year hiatus, we were all to familiar with traffic and pedestrian issues at that point and between the churches on Main Street. Increasing "transient" parking in that area could/would also bring about additional concerns of safety to our neighborhood directly behind this lot. I realize that downtown is in great need of additional parking, however the entry/exit point of this lot is not in my opinion the place to add parking. As stands, I believe the parking is adequate for this 4 unit rental..

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