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Subject: Proposed Church Hill parking area

Hello Todd -

I write to you about my concerns of the plans being made to turn Church Hill into a parking area. Please excuse my wiring directly to you, but I do not know how to directly communicate with members of the Planning Board. So it is my hope that you will pass this message on to them.

Barbara and I are members of the Community Church of Durham and are both opposed to the proposal to build a large parking lot on Church Hill just above the Mill Plaza. The reasons not to build such a broad impermeable surface are legion and I shall not try to include them all here. But they include;

1. The removal of all trees on the hillside and the import of tons of fill to make a level, broad, impermeable surface. From an environmental standpoint, I can not conceive a worse place for such a plan for the many reasons that have been forcefully put forth by many Durham citizens.

2. From an esthetic viewpoint, is a parking area on the highest point in town something that is going to improve the quality of life of Durham citizens? I definitely think not!

So I ask that you forward this appeal to the Planning Board and ask that the Planning Board deny this planned scalping of Church Hill. Thanks for you help.

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Sincerely,

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