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Re: 19-21 Main Street

Dear Members of the Durham Planning Board,

We're writing to express our profound disapproval of the planned elevated parking lot in downtown Durham at 19-21 Main Street. We've lived in Durham since 1996 and have usually welcomed the environmentally-beneficial decisions of the Town Council and the Planning Board. But, in our view, the proposed parking lot has not been fully and properly vetted (as it seems to violate many aspects in the Durham Article VII: Conditional Use Permit), has a potentially harmful environmental impact, and is aesthetically unappealing.

At a time when we need more (not fewer) trees to counter the threat of climate change, it makes no sense to replace a small natural space with a parking lot. This sends the wrong message. Besides further encouraging harmful automobile usage, the decision to approve a parking lot damages the town's reputation as a leader in environmental awareness, and it may give a green light to additional projects that have little holistic benefit to the Durham community and beyond.

We are not anti-development, but those proposing projects in Durham should clearly meet the local conditions for such development.

Respectfully Submitted,

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