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Planning Board
8 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

RE: 19-21 Main Street – Parking Lot.

Dear Members of the Board,

I oppose the removal of Church Hill Forest (to build a parking lot) for the following reasons:

- College Brook runs directly through my backyard. As a result, its health is of utmost importance to me. **I am concerned about the increase in salt pollution** (and other pollutants) as a result of this project. Salt pollution (particularly chloride) will negatively impact aquatic life including crustaceans, amphibians, fish, plants, and other organisms.
- Our property is within 300-400 feet of the proposed development. **I am concerned about the increase in noise pollution** (from snow removal, car noise, people's voices, etc.) **and an increase in light pollution** in our otherwise quiet and dark street. In my opinion, the Church Hill woods provides a necessary sound and light buffer from Downtown Durham to our neighborhood.
- Durham's Master Plan includes the statement "Reduce the trend of continued loss of forestland and other natural areas, and increase the quantity and quality of existing forest cover in developed areas." (2015). **This project directly conflicts with Durham's Master Plan** since it would continue the loss of forestland.

I rely on the Board to follow the land use regulations and deny this application.

Sincerely,

Emily Malcolm-White