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Good afternoon,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for all of the hours that you spend working on the Planning Board in order to make Hingham the wonderful town that it is.

We are writing to let you know that we are strongly in opposition to the planning application that has submitted by the Young Family Trust to create four residential lots from the existing single lot at 16 Bishops Lane.

Living in the immediate area that will be impacted by this construction, 222 South Street, we are extremely concerned about the development of this area of woodland and agree with all of the points already raised in objection by our neighbors regarding adding 3 more houses to be serviced by Bishops Lane.

We have specific concerns regarding the impact on the historic houses, ours being built in 1777, that may occur as a result of the blasting required to remove the considerable amount of ledge that lies behind our property. I feel, in a town such as Hingham, that places such importance on our historic buildings, this should be a particular reason for rejecting this proposal.

It seems that the people who are writing in support of this project, the majority of whom do not live in the immediate area, are saying that this application should be approved simply because the Youngs would do a better job of building houses in this area than perhaps other out of town contractors would. We would argue that the consideration should not be a case of choosing the lesser of two evils, rather making a decision to keep the areas of woodland and wetlands that allow the wide range of wildlife, animals, birds, insects, trees and plants, to flourish as they have done for many years. We have seen the direct impact that building The Cove in Bare Cove Park has had on the coyote population, driving them deeper into the residential areas of downtown. Further development on the habitat of coyotes and their prey would only worsen this issue.

As a member of Hingham's Cleaner Greener Hingham Committee I feel particularly strongly that further deforestation of Hingham is not the way to meet our net zero goals. Town residents voted at Town Meeting 2023 to establish a Climate Action Commission to implement Hingham's Climate Action Plan, and we all have a responsibility to ensure that we do our part to protect our community from the devastating effects of Climate Change.

I appreciate you taking into consideration our concerns and look forward to joining you at this evenings meeting.

Kind regards,

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Sent from my iPad