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To the Planning Board:

We live at 237/239 South Street, across the street and slightly east of Bishops Lane. Many of the letters by neighbors appropriately address issues such as impact on their properties, compromised play areas for their children, removal of trees, potential requested variances to existing requirements (sidewalk, elevation of the roadway), and the impact to the historic and quaint fabric of the site.

In addition, we have a number of concerns with the proposed development by the Young Family Trust.

This will be a major construction project that will impact the abutters, neighbors and South St for the duration of the road building and development of the new lots. There will be challenges for access to the project for deliveries and removals. Safety concerns around blasting need to be carefully considered. Also, there are utility lines across the entrance to the lane and that also cross the street. We do not recall any meaningful mention of these issues on the documents.

Environmental issues around vegetation and wildlife do not seem to be appropriately addressed in the plans prepared by Merrill. It is unfortunate that the tree inventory was not provided when we logged on earlier in the week and we hope that a consultant has been retained to review the habitats of the various species. We also wonder if the vernal pool/wetlands issues have been properly vetted.

We have attached a video taken from in front of our house showing rainwater run-off into South Street from the current configuration of the lane during a rainstorm earlier in the week. As can be seen from the video, if the road is widened it will be directly opposite our driveway which continues downhill to the railroad right-of-way. In addition to what we expect will be added water due to the wider lane, we have concerns about silt and dust. We note that the documents require "immediate" removal of debris on South Street; we'd like to understand the plan for this.

The construction notes on sheet C7.6 suggest coordination with the Foster School schedule; we live in the Plymouth River School district so Merrill should confirm the note. But more importantly, we see children and family members walking down the lane regularly and there is a bus stop at the bottom of the lane (families congregate at the bench). Has the proponent discussed the plan with the School Department?

We are opposed to this development and we thank the DPW for its opposition as well. However, if the Board approves the project to proceed, we urge you to require a full time police detail during construction, require preconstruction surveys of abutters and neighbors, provide a written maintenance plan for the underground utilities including proposed vendor contracts with approvals

by various Town departments prior to the installation of the binder course, require the engineer of record to perform twice-weekly inspections of the site during construction and submit a written report to the Town and also include whatever measures the Board believes should be required to ensure a safe project. Thank you.

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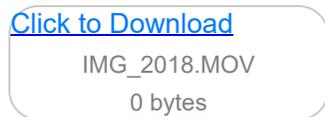
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