

166 Central St

Hingham, MA 02043

August 13, 2023

Dear Ms Wentworth and Mr Silveira,

We are writing to ask you to deny the Young Family Subdivision on Bishops Lane.

We lived at 248 South St on the corner of lovely Bishop's Lane for 20 years and raised our family there. The neighborhood children rode bikes and skateboarded up and down the lane for hours. Neighbors came over to our basketball net for a friendly game on Sunday mornings. Bishop's Lane had a wonderful family neighborhood feel – just the kind of area that gives Hingham its pride.

If this subdivision were to go through, the basketball area will be gone and four families will be zooming up and down that steep incline making it dangerous for anyone to be on the roadway. Widening the road to 40' and the possibility of a sidewalk makes no sense - except for the enrichment of the Young Family.

We were instrumental in having our neighborhood become part of the Historic District. Of great importance was the granite entrance to Bishop's Lane. Changing the entrance to this lovely area will forever lose the valuable historic feel these small private lanes in downtown give to the community. Downtown will look more like 'anytown suburban sprawl'.

Please use the power the town has granted you with your appointment and fight to have our neighborhood preserved and not sold out to developers trying to make a buck.

Sincerely, Virginia and Kenelm Winslow