

75 Plain Street Special Permit Application

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To: Hopedale Zoning Board <Zoning@hopedale-ma.gov>

Dear ZBA,

I am writing to ask that you deny the special permit application for the development on 75 Plain St. The developer's proposed project would render more than 15% impervious surface in a groundwater protection district, which is prohibited by the relevant zoning regulations. The zoning regulations serve to protect the health and welfare of the public by ensuring that groundwater resources are not polluted or diminished. Allowing a special permit to the developer in this case would defeat the purpose of the zoning regulations and threaten the health and welfare of the public. The District's regulations are designed to protect the groundwater supply by limiting the amount of impervious surface, and the proposed development would exceed the permissible limit by a substantial amount.

The Applicant has not met the burden of demonstrating that the proposed development is necessary to fulfill a legitimate public interest, and that there are no feasible alternatives that would comply with the District's regulations.

Groundwater is a vital resource for our community, and we need to do everything we can to protect it.

For these reasons, the Applicant should not be granted a special permit for the proposed development.

Thank you.