

May 3, 2021

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,
Subject: 146B & 1442 Main St 110 & 11B Highland St Center
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As residents of Concord, we are strongly opposed to the request by Symes Development for a special permit request for the removal of >60,000 cubic yards of earth and the substantial resulting tree loss.

What is being proposed is an egregious assault on Concord land which will have long-lasting effects on the quality of life and property values for both abutters and the entire surrounding area. Earth and tree removal of this scale will instantly expose the MBTA, increase train noise pollution, increase diesel pollution, impact lung health, and will obliterate the character of this area of town forever. It is clear that none of the conditions outlined in Sections 7.5.3.3 and 11.6.4, 11.6.5 in the Zoning Bylaw for a Special Permit for earth removal are not met.

The substantial encroachment of nature is in clear violation of the town's Sustainability Principles. The unnecessary clear-cutting and earth removal will also force Concord to incur substantial carbon mitigation costs and is antithetical to the town's Climate Resilience Goals. As a result, the condition outlined in Section 11.6.6 is also not met.

This is NOT the right solution for Concord, and we deserve and demand alternative solutions. Please deny the applicant the Special Permit.

Regards,

Lisabeth and James Kunder

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