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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you in opposition to the proposed plan to (over)develop the property at historic Hildreth Corner.

Concord, Massachusetts without its history and preserved architecture is just another bedroom of Boston.

We are victims of our own success. Having created a town beautiful to travel through, safe for cycling and walking, with unique stores of small scale.... everyone wants to live here. As a community, it's up to our officials to keep development at a reasonable pace, over reasonable time, with reasonable scale.

I grew up in a nice neighborhood in Brighton, MA. It had small stores, diverse ethnic family structures, and friendly neighbors who were helpful to each other. Boston University and Boston College had swell ideas for progress. Maurice Gordon, the Developer, saw a fabulous business opportunity. Over the space of less than ten years, those homes became apartments for a dozen students each.

My lovely childhood neighborhood will never recover. Twice a year the streets are filled with unwanted, broken furniture. Wrappers line the gutters, poorly contained trash spills over, the small stores are gone. Nobody knows each other and nobody cares.

***Please don't let someone else's idea of progress change our neighborhoods.***

The proposed building project by Bushnell is too large, requires too much permanent damage to the land, and is out of place. Given the previous rejection, this new proposal is insulting to the HDC.

Thank you,

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