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My name is Martha Merrill-Grose, and I have resided in MBTS since 1974, specifically at 29 Bridge Street for all that time. I have watched closely the "pressures on the land " and on open space in this town and its surroundings all these years. I want to go on the record that this development Shingle Place Hill is wrong, astoundingly wrong in every category. The scale of the development is absurdly wrong for ANY small town, especially one as already dense in its layout, its layout having been created pre-automobile. The development it then follows is wrong for safety, for traffic congestion, for existing town water and sewer capacities. It makes nothing but negative impact on our town structure, even if it was scaled back. The land site is totally wrong for even a small development. On a personal note, as living in one of the older historic houses in town, it is impossible to get out of the driveway most busy summer days, & it has markedly gotten worse year to year. With this scale of development, the character of the entire town as we have known it will be destroyed, and rendered dysfunctional. I cannot state my concern more sincerely. Thank you, Martha Merrill-Grose