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Subject: Shingle Place Hill comments

As a Manchester resident for over 50 years and having served on a number of Town Boards, including the Finance Committee and Select Board, I would like to add my opposition to the proposed Shingle Place Hill project. While I recognize the need for additional housing and the right of private individuals to have a strong say as to what can be done on their property, in addition to the obvious view and wetlands concerns, it seems to me that the proposed project falls short in several major ways.

1. It is of a physical scale that is neither in keeping with the Town or with the natural areas that it would be in
2. The location is "remote" from Town. By my estimate it is about 1 mile from the School and Pleasant streets intersection and about half of this path is along roads with little else. Sidewalks would presumably be built to service the project but would require crossing a major intersection with 128.
3. As I understand it, the project will require waivers from a number of our Wetland Bylaws. I have not examined these in detail. However, while I can see a case for a couple, the totality seems too much.

I thank you and your Board for the tremendous time and effort that this deliberation is requiring.

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