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Subject: Deny SLV 40B Permit for Project on Shingle Place Hill

To The Manchester Zoning Board,

As representatives and stewards of our town I strongly urge the Zoning Board to do everything it can to stop the SLV development project on Shingle Place Hill and certainly deny environmental waivers for what is clearly an inappropriately sized and sited project in a highly sensitive area of Manchester.

Our critical watershed and our town's infrastructure cannot handle this vastly over-proportioned development. We, the town citizens, are abutters to this property in the form of our town's conservation land and have spoken loudly throughout this process as to the extent of irreversible damage this housing project would bring. Topping off one of the tallest hills, and clearcutting land, at a time when the world, and our town in particular being at sea level, need to protect itself from climate change, is more than irresponsible, it is criminal.

The SLV project on Shingle Place Hill is out of compliance with many of Mass Housing's guidance points. 40B projects are to be sited closer to public transportation versus where this project on Shingle Place Hill is located. 40B projects also must be of appropriate scale and style so as to blend with the surrounding neighborhood. Anyone can see that the proposed project is vastly too large and completely out of character for any part of Manchester. Additionally, two overt safety concerns have not been adequately addressed. First, our watershed must be protected at all costs and this site is too close to Sawmill Brook which supplies half our drinking water. Building a sewage treatment plant so close to this location, and development on the hill causing unnatural runoff, let alone the damage of the foliage which protects our watershed, must be avoided at all costs. Secondly, the driveway pitch to the complex is also of great concern for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, both on the site as well as those on School Street.

Lastly, our town infrastructure, our roads, our water treatment and sewage treatment plants, are already under pressure to perform adequately. One serious drought had us rationing water just a few years ago and it is obvious that we will see such issues become consistent concerns. We are a small town being asked to take on a development that is just too large. Fiscally, the town is also not in a position to cover the enormous costs to upgrade all our services and this development will barely touch the surface of what is needed to support itself as part of the citizenship.

Many issues related to this project have not been adequately addressed by the developer, and we, the town, have every right to review every detail to ensure our safety and the future of our town is protected.

It is obvious that this ill conceived project should not proceed.

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