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From: Eleanor Todd <eleanorgtodd@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Ethan Parsons
Subject: 5-11 Washington Street

To the Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing this letter to ask that you do not support the proposed project at 5-11 Washington Street. There are so many reasons why it seems obvious that a board intended to have the community's best interest at heart would not allow this to happen. I am curious as to what the benefit of this project is for the town that would enable us to look past its so many negative impacts? The only benefit I see is to the pockets of the builders and their greed. The many negative impacts include: a building plan that does not fit into the lot, a drain on town resources during building such a large project in a small area, more traffic, additional strain on parking difficulties and an added danger to pedestrians walking to the playground or to town. During the pandemic so many of us have found peace in taking a walk around or community and enjoying the outdoors. This should be a time where we focus on protecting our community and its resources.

The questions I keep asking myself after reviewing all the concerns of this project are what is the benefit to the town vs the negative consequences? Why would the planning board or any other board accept this project? Why wouldn't they just say no to the greed from these developers who build these out of scale projects with no consideration to its impact to the town and neighbors? Why isn't anyone concerned with the traffic? How would the residents be able to pull out of their driveways on to Washington Street? Please vote NO, the impact of these projects on our beautiful town are in your hands.

Thank you for your consideration,
Eleanor Todd