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Subject: FW: [Ext]22-24 Olive Street

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My name is Elizabeth Hallett and I have lived at 23 Olive St. for over 13 years. I am against the proposed 'addition' to the subject property above at 22-24 Olive for a number of reasons. Not only is the grand brick 2-family home of 3567 sq. ft. historic, but the lot of 11,000 sq.ft. is historic as well! There are not many examples of properties like this left in Newburyport today, thanks to the infill that has been allowed in so many places. Is the City hell-bent on destroying every green space in every neighborhood? Yards and lawns give air & light, peace & beauty, and some manner of wildlife habitat to neighborhoods that cannot be measured in dollars. And why deprive future generations of Newburyport the chance to see what the old neighborhoods used to be like? Must they ALL be changed forever by infill?

The so-called 1800 sq.ft. 'addition' to this already-2 family home will destroy this property's and our neighborhood's sense of peace by creating more traffic and parking woes than we already have. It's bad enough in good weather, but try getting through Russia St. OR Olive St. when we measure the snow in feet, not inches. Russia St. is narrow; 2 cars cannot pass at the same time...allowing 2 new curb cuts with parking for 4 vehicles to back out onto Russia St. makes no sense.

As to the size of the proposed 'addition,' it's square footage alone is greater than 7 of the homes in our Olive & Russia St. neighborhoods! If you reference Attorney Mead's 5 bullet points in the "Memo & Supplemental Info" submitted to the ZBA on 12/7/21, it seems to state that the size of the proposed 'addition' is in keeping with the size & scale of other nearby properties, but alas! Attorney Mead did not submit a photo of our very-nearby home of 1684 sq.ft., located on our 2120 sq. ft. lot, nor any of the 6 other modest homes nearby.

To make a 3567 sq. ft. 2-family home into one condo, then add another 1800 sq.ft. 'addition' to it as a second condo is to me, very unnecessary: to deprive the neighborhood of air movement, open space, and light; to deprive the City and future generations a glimpse of what a historic neighborhood actually looked like; to infill every green space with a building; to add to the traffic and safety woes of yet another neighborhood - all makes no sense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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