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Matthew W. Perkins, Chairman  
Hanover Zoning Board of Appeals  
550 Hanover Street, Second Floor  
Hanover, MA 02339

RE: Case Z-18-11

Dear Chairman Perkins and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Town of Norwell wishes to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the application of PREP Hanover Real Estate LLC for relief from the Hanover Zoning Bylaws relating to height and rate of development.

We recognize that this project offers substantial economic growth for Hanover. It could also prove beneficial to neighboring communities, provided the adverse impacts that accompany development are properly addressed. We feel that since the Hanover Mall will become a regional destination, it requires a review that captures its regional impact.

We would ask that prior to granting the requested relief, the Zoning Board and other departments charged with overseeing this development take the appropriate steps to assess the regional impact of this project on vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Of particular concern is the intersection of Mill Street and South Street. For decades, South Street has been the route of choice to the Mall for many residents of Norwell and Scituate. This intersection is not designed to handle the current traffic load. We would welcome the opportunity to partner with the Town of Hanover to seek state funding to improve this intersection.

We would further request that careful consideration be given to the Mall's impact on the Third Herring Brook and the nearby aquifers. The Norwell Water Department maintains a well field and treatment facility on South Street that is vital to the Town's water supply. We trust that appropriate safeguards will be implemented to ensure the water supply is undisturbed.

We would welcome the opportunity for discussion on how our communities can work together to ensure this project has a positive economic and environmental impact on its neighbors.

Respectfully,

  
Peter J. Morin  
Town Administrator

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