

Morton, Devon

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Subject: File #D13-A20-21 (resend, previous attempt bounced back)

Hello,

We live at 285 Court Street and file D13-A20-21 pertains to variances requested to the lot at 582 Gorham Street which is at the corner of Court and Gorham Streets.

We have serious concerns with the proposed variances for this property:

- Allowing this house to be built closer to Gorham will reduce visibility around the corner of Court and Gorham. This intersection is already a concern, especially in the winter when visibility is also limited by snowbanks. Drivers have to pull unusually close to the eastbound traffic to look for westbound traffic because of the current position of 582 Gorham, their gardens and the front porch.
- The proposed garage with access to Gorham Street will make the intersection very dangerous for oncoming traffic. In the past few years we have witnessed several collisions at the intersection of Gorham and Court Street including one pedestrian who was struck by a car. Cars crest the hill at Prospect Street travelling Eastbound very quickly and will be approaching 582 Gorham Street while turning and going downhill. If someone is backing out of a parking garage at 582 Gorham Street at the wrong time there will be additional collisions.
- The height and size of the proposed house will be out of scale with most houses in the neighborhood – similar to a very large house recently built on Hamilton Street. The proposal is asking to extend every limit that the bylaws impose on houses in our neighbourhood: increased height, decreased yard setbacks and increased lot coverage percentage. On a larger lot the effect would be less concerning, but where houses are so close together, the visual impact of such a large home is significant.

While we support the new owners wishes to revitalize the property, we would like the new design to be consistent with other properties of the same size in the neighbourhood and without making the corner of Gorham and Court Streets more unsafe than it already is.

Thank you,

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