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Subject: re 144, Main Street

The following review is for the meeting on Dec. 12th from John and Ann Styles

<u>The</u> plan as proposed by the developer is for a building which will overpower and overshadow all the private properties

on Wilson and Water Streets by virtue of its size. Frankly the building, as proposed, can only be described as thoughtless

planning without any regard for the surrounding community.

The design, as submitted, calls for a seven story rear profile. In addition to the size of the building which conflicts with the city's own planning.

The Heritage committee, themselves, highlighted some of the reasons for not allowing a building of this shape and size by stating

- 1. The Water Street and part of the Wilson Street building height of 7 storeys due to grade changes is out of character with the surrounding buildings, plus, the roof infrastructure will also add height to the buildings.
- 2. Therefore it recommends a maximum of 4 storeys and transition of the height along Water and Wilson Streets to match the heights of existing two storey heritage buildings to the south and west of the site.

This will obviously reduce the number of suites in the building, but would still allow for a sizeable addition to the community .

We value "space" and the tall structure represented by a 7 storey "wall" takes away all the pleasure of a heritage community which we have lived in for over 25years.

We trust that our city will do the right thing and call for a complete re-design for this important project.

Regards, John and Ann Styles