

P: 000153-2018 208 Fore St.

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Mr. Christian Roadman, Planner
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Re: Plan #PL-000153-2018
208 Fore St.

Dear Christian,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me this morning. We discussed that the current building at 208 Fore St. is not designated as a landmark by the city; however there will be additional review to determine historic importance and if the building has a contributing or non-contributing designation. We also discussed that the reason the new building is being proposed with 7 stories rather than 6, is that the new building will include a "green roof". You also advised me that there will be several opportunities for public comment at workshops and at planning board meetings.

Section 1.2, of the proposal states that the project would be compatible with the existing neighborhood. This is simply not the case. There are no other building 7 stories tall within our neighborhood and the proposed height significantly impacts neighbors and businesses in the area. I object to the proposal of 7 stories.

Attachment 1-B showing the proposed building renderings notes that "red fiber cement panel" will be used on a significant amount of the building surface. The design of this building will create a conflict with the other buildings in the area and certainly look out of character in the neighborhood. Approval of such a design would certainly change the area and not for the better.

I also note in the renderings that there is no additional landscaping around the building. The lot will be completely filled with the proposed building. There will be no curb appeal and the area will lose some of its existing natural vegetation.

Also, the sidewalk is very narrow currently and it does not appear that the size will increase with the proposed building. That area has recently had a large increase in the amount of foot

traffic coming down Fore St. due to the addition of new hotels and office space nearby. The building should be set back further to add sidewalk width so as to avoid the need for pedestrians to step onto the heavily trafficked Fore St. especially with the addition of retail space in the proposed building.

Thank you for listening to me this morning and I look forward to meeting you as this project progresses.

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