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Hi Karen, Would you please forward the following to the Planning Board for their next meeting? Thanks.

I've lived in Durham since 1954 and seen many changes, but what I'd like to focus on are several issues on current agendas that should be looked at carefully by those of us who are trying to meet town goals of doing our share to keep Durham safe and its important places secure.

I remember the recommendation of the Conservation Commission to restore the 75 foot natural buffer of the College Brook to protect abutters on Faculty Road which is being compromised by current plaza plans. I hope the Planning Board will not violate this recommendation or agree to any part of a plaza redevelopment plan that would have a negative impact on the College Brook. Cutting back on the barrier for additional parking is not a wise choice. That also pertains to cutting down the hillside and trees for future student housing which also compromises the brook. The hill and trees are also barriers, which have huge importance.

In addition to the plaza concerns, everything that affects the College Brook also affects the Mill Pond, so these two very important places that are receiving so much of the P.B.'s time and thought are inextricably linked and should be considered in how decisions are made with great care.

There are many green spaces and places for recreation in and around Durham, so it would be very unfortunate to have two central places of importance to the citizens of this lovely town to have the pond and plaza compromised.

I try to watch the meetings on my T.V. as I'm not a Zoomer, but I hope the time comes when we can be present at meetings. Zoom on a T.V. or computer doesn't do it for some of us older residents.

Thank you for your efforts and attending to what is on the minds of some of us, who find our proximity to the pond and the plaza one of the great pleasures of living here.

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