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17 Shearwater Street
Durham, NH 03824
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Durham Zoning Board
Planning Board Members
8 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824-2815

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to convey our objections to the proposed re-zoning of land north-easterly adjacent to the Johnson Creek community. Our house is at 17 Shearwater Street and, although it may be thought that we, on our side of Shearwater Street, would not be as immediately affected by the noise and the malodorous environment that the creation of the re-zoned land would bring about as our neighbors on the east side of Shearwater Street and on Cormorant Circle, it is still a development we could anticipate only with great apprehension.

When actions, like the proposed re-zoning, are thoughtlessly undertaken the ramifications are often far reaching. The most immediate effects would probably be:

- a negative effect on our property values
- disturbing peaceful communal activities that families enjoy in their yards
- the possibility of animal discharge effluents affecting the Johnson Creek community's water system

and in the indeterminate future, the possibility / probability that that land could be sold and be put to uses that are inimical to the peace of mind of families in adjacent communities. This last point is of particular concern to us and our neighbors since the further disposition of the re-zoned land can, apparently, be made without a formal Town Zoning Board approval process and we could suddenly be facing the prospect of a noisy industrial plant with all of the usual appurtenances, such as the loud use of industrial equipment, and of enhanced traffic and parking, especially at times when residents like to be comfortable in the quiet of the evening and night. According to what we know of the planned re-zoning, we would be facing such a prospect without recourse, except seeking recourse by engaging in costly litigation.

Since we bought the property at 17 Shearwater Street in 1995 the area in our part of town has become more residential, rather than more rural or agricultural, especially so with the addition of a large senior living community at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 108 and it is a well known fact that malodorous air does travel long distances and adversely affect the air older residents breathe, which could affect their health and would undoubtedly bring about disenchantment for these residents of Durham. This point is, of course, also true for many / most of the families of our Johnson Creek community.

Sincerely,

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CC: Copy to Town Administrator, Tom Selig