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Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust
Town Hall
525 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

RE: Personal Concerns Regarding Proposed Town Farm Development

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to you not only as a member of the Town Farm Review Committee, but also as a resident of Milton and an abutting neighbor to the 4-acre Town Farm parcel currently under consideration for development. While I support the goal of increasing affordable housing options in Milton, I am concerned about the current proposal to develop a dense apartment complex on this parcel.

A recurring concern that I share with my neighbors and echoed by residents during our public forum was the proposed rental model for this development. Many of us would be more supportive of a condominium or townhome-style approach—still affordable, but offering a pathway to ownership. Homeownership remains one of the most effective ways to build long-term financial stability and generational wealth, particularly for lower-income families.

While rental housing plays an important role, especially in addressing immediate needs, developments managed by external companies can raise valid concerns about long-term maintenance, accountability, and integration into the community. I believe a project centered on affordable ownership opportunities would better reflect Milton's long-term values—such as encouraging community stability, fostering civic engagement, and promoting pathways to economic mobility—while still fulfilling the mission of the Governor Stoughton Trust.

I appreciate the Trustee's careful stewardship of this land and I respectfully ask that you consider a less dense ownership-based development model.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maggie Wilson