

March 6, 2026

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Emily Wentworth  
Community Planning Director  
Town of Hingham  
Email: wentworth@hingham-ma.gov

Dear Ms. Wentworth:

We are the owners of 30 Arnold Road in Hingham and are writing regarding the placement of a propane tank and two heat pump units installed on the north side of 28 Arnold Road, directly adjacent to our shared boundary. These utilities were not shown on the site plans dated March through May 2024, and as a result, we were unable to address their placement during the public comment period.

The home at 28 Arnold Road sits at least three feet higher than our property, with grading that slopes toward our foundation. Given this topography, we are concerned about the potential for environmental contamination to our property in the event of a leak or other failure of the propane tank. We respectfully request that the Planning Board review the placement of the propane tank and ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are in place to prevent adverse impacts should such an event occur.

We also have concerns with the level of noise from the two heat pump units that serve as the primary heating and cooling system for the residence at 28 Arnold and are located directly across from our bedroom windows at 30 Arnold. Adam Fleury of Breakwater Development has been very responsive to our concerns and has implemented some mitigation measures, including planting small trees in front of the units, to buffer noise, but we remain concerned about potential noise impacts, particularly in the summer months. We respectfully request that, should the heat pump noise prove disruptive, Adam continues to work with us to find an appropriate solution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Novak and Christopher Mercer

30 Arnold Road

Hingham, MA 02043