



765 West Falmouth Highway  
Falmouth, MA 02540  
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The Cape Cod Commission  
3225 Main Street  
P.O. Box 226  
Barnstable, MA 02630

**Re: Springhill Suites by Marriot, 556 Main Street, Falmouth MA**

Subcommittee Chair:

We urge you to be sure that the report that is presented to the Commission on July 9<sup>th</sup> includes the subcommittee's stand about the project as a whole. It would be a disservice to simply list benefits and detriments without portraying the intensity and validity of input from the public.

It should be clear at this point that the project is not suitable for several reasons and cannot be improved by asking the developer to provide more information. The problems with the project relate to its mass, the fact that it is not mixed use development and does involve the public on the subject section of Main Street. These problems cannot be fixed by changing details such as the construction materials or type of lighting fixtures. If you agree with this, you should deny the application, rather than engaging the developer in further discussion of details.

If neither the subcommittee nor the commission recommend denial of the application there is a danger that the project could get passed along to the Falmouth ZBA and planning boards assuming that they will extract suitable changes from the developer. At that point it is basically impossible to make the project acceptable to the public.

Yours truly,

**Michele and Ken Peal**