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Tom Holland

Dear Mayor and Members of the Town Council:

I agree with Susan Gary's letter of Sunday, March 21, 2021 that you undertake a Residential Zoning Code Study.

My wife and I have owned homes in the North End for more than thirty years. We've owned on Orange Grove and Arabian, before Debra Lane, where we live now. The construction in the North End has been unrelenting and distressing as evidenced by the massive, blocky new homes that sit adjacent to the older smaller scale houses. What we all love about this neighborhood is being destroyed by these new homes that tear at the fabric of the neighborhood.

There have been several attempts to stop this over the years, but they have all failed because owners were afraid of losing value. Instead, they are losing what makes the North End so livable, green space, the openness, the charm, the informality and quaintness is being engulfed by the mega-mansions. What's really bad is the buying of two lots or more and the tearing down of the smaller homes to combine the lots to build mega-mansions – on the middle street where nobody thought it would ever happen! Then people put in massive hedges to make sure they never know their neighbors and the quality of life is destroyed.

Our low-key way of life is slowly and now quickly being strangled by the grandiosity of the new structures.

I urge you to start now. With the new \$3.7Mil from Stimulus Fund there is no reason to delay.

Respectfully,

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