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The “one size fits all” approach of proposed SB1024 disregards the value of historic neighborhoods and buildings in areas designated by SB1024.

Speaking to just one area of great concern in Wilton - should this bill pass, the area surrounding the Cannondale Train Station would be deeply affected.

The particulars of that small area is a demonstration of how such a bill would create irreversible adverse effects by allowing housing to be built without regard to size or the obvious limits of what the area can accommodate.

The small area is rich in history and defined by its complex topography, which includes a narrow rocky valley, steep slopes, wetlands, a river, plus the train station – all in the designated National Register Historic District of Cannondale.

Towns must have some autonomy in shaping and defining how and where development occurs – this bill removes that autonomy, at great cost. While we support the goal of denser housing near transportation nodes, we encourage local input to balance the impacts on environmental and historic assets that make Connecticut’s towns unique.

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