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William E. Kingkade, Chair
Board of Selectmen
Town of Milford
52 Main Street
Milford, MA 01757

**Re: Proposed 40B – Birch Street Place
Milford, MA
MH ID No. 968**

Dear Mr. Kingkade:

MassHousing is currently reviewing an application for Site Approval submitted by 88 CORP. (the Applicant). The proposed development will consist of 162 rental units of housing on approximately 20 acres of land located on Birch Street in Milford, MA.

The Site Approval process is offered to project sponsors who intend to apply for a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B. MassHousing's review involves an evaluation of the site, the design concept, the financial feasibility of the proposal, and the appropriateness of the proposal in relation to local housing needs and strategies. As part of our review, we are soliciting comments from the local community and we would appreciate your input. You also may wish to include in your response, issues or concerns raised by other town boards, officials or other interested parties. Pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B regulations (760 CMR 56.00) your comments may include information regarding municipal actions previously taken to meet affordable housing needs such as inclusionary zoning, multifamily districts adopted under G.L. c.40A and overlay districts adopted under G.L. c.40R. Your comments will be considered as part of our review.

We have been informed by the Applicant that the Town has received a copy of the application and plans for Birch Street Place. Please inform us of any issues that have been raised or are anticipated in the Town's review of this application. We request that you submit your comments to this office by Monday, January 29, 2017, within 30 days of the date this letter is issued, so we may process this application in a timely manner.

During the course of its review, MassHousing will conduct a site visit, which Local Boards, as


defined in 760 CMR 56.02, may attend. The site visit for Birch Street Place has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please notify me promptly if any representatives of your office or if other Local Boards plan to attend the scheduled site visit.

Please note that if and when an application is submitted for a comprehensive permit, assistance is available to the Milford Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to review the permit application. The Massachusetts Housing Partnership's (MHP) *Ch. 40B Technical Assistance Program* administers grants to municipalities for up to \$15,000 to engage qualified third-party consultants to work with the town's ZBA in reviewing the Chapter 40B proposal. For more information about MHP's technical assistance grant visit MHP's web site, www.mhp.net/40B or e-mail MHP at pcrean@mhp.net.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 854-1116.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Katherine Miller
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Comprehensive Permit Program

cc: Richard A. Villani, Town Administrator
David R. Consigli, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals