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Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2016 9:20:05 PM
To: Neil Wishinsky
Subject: 1299 Beacon

Dear Mr. Wishinsky,

I wanted to write to express my concern regarding neighborhood safety due to the proposed building at 1299 Beacon Street.

I live at 55 Sewall and our family have been Brookline residents for 13 years. We have seen the growth of the neighborhood, stores come and go, buildings be built. Ultimately, Brookline has continued to grow and the traffic on Sewall has progressively gotten worse. I am concerned about the remarkable density increase implicated in the proposed building at 1299 Beacon.

I have a one year old son who has just started walking. Crossing Sewall Avenue toward Beacon has some safety concerns already. There are no stop signs from Longwood to St. Paul and cars often come through the intersection of Sewall and Charles well above the posted speed limit. Further, street parking is invariably always full due to US postal workers in combination with existing residents. In addition, the Temple at the corner of Sewall/Charles often has children being picked up or dropped off.

With the proposed building at 1299 Beacon, we would anticipate a significant increase in traffic along Sewall Avenue. Although the proposed building provides some underground parking, visitors and residents who elect to park on the street would further complicate an already busy street. From a safety perspective, additional traffic and parked cars - which impede the vision of drivers coming down Sewall - will increase the danger for the many children we have living in our (and nearby) buildings.

Far beyond any other concerns that this building raises, the safety of the children in our neighborhood - including my son - is paramount. Such a marked increase in density raises serious concerns regarding the safety of Sewall Avenue. I implore you and the Selectmen to consider blocking this proposal on safety grounds.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Daniel Stover
55 Sewall Ave, Apt 1C.

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