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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:53 PM
To: Neil Wishinsky
Cc: Alison Steinfeld; Stephanie Orsini
Subject: Proposed Development of 1299 Beacon Street

Dear Mr. Wishinsky

Although I am delighted by efforts to increase the supply of affordable and elderly housing in Brookline, I am deeply concerned about the impact the proposed development on the Neena's property will have on the already unsafe and congested traffic on Sewall Avenue from Longwood Avenue down to St. Paul Street. Presently, the combination of cyclists turning from Harvard Street onto Longwood Avenue, cars using the Trader Joe's parking lot, post office trucks parked on the sidewalk on both sides of the street and tradesmen' vans servicing the existing residential buildings constitute a danger to drivers and pedestrians alike. Temple Sinai sponsors activities seven days a week with children and adults walking and being dropped off outside of 9-5 business hours. Strollers, people using walkers, and family groups often have to walk in the street because of cars parked on the sidewalks, broken sidewalks, or existing driveways. The additional traffic generated by the new building will exacerbate this hazardous situation. Sewall Avenue simply does not have the capacity to absorb the additional activity that a building of the projected size would create.

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