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Subject: 40B at 455 Harvard St., Brookline, MA

To whom it may concern
Town of Brookline
State of Massachusetts

Re: 40B project by Danesh at 455 Harvard St. Brookline, MA

We live at 87 Thorndike St., across the street and two houses down from this project.
We have the following concerns:

- 1) The height of the building given the one story heights of surrounding businesses and the 2.5 story Victorian houses in the immediately adjacent neighborhood
- 2) The setback of the 40 foot tall wall which will only be 5 feet from the property line which is only 5 feet from the adjacent house. This wall will block all natural light from this home and would never be allowed under any normal zoning
- 3) The lack of any green space--the building is being built essentially lot line to lot line
- 4) The lack of parking for all units. Thorndike St. is not really wide enough to be a two way street when cars are parked. Daytime parking on the street due to inadequate parking at this building is going to be problematic for traffic
- 5) Mechanical stacker parking does not make sense in a residential neighborhood and should not be allowed to operate at night between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., at which point it seems to not make sense for the needs of residents
- 6) It is not clear that the soil under this gas station is free of gasoline--that wasn't investigated by EPA when tanks were removed.
- 7) The developed hasn't even attempted to meet with neighbors or find out our concerns
- 8) Brookline ZBA is so overwhelmed with other 40Bs that this one cannot possibly be given adequate attention. The Town of Brookline needs to be given time to address each of these adequately which is not possible with 7 of them simultaneously in a 1 square mile area.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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