

January 19, 2017

Dear Ms. Selkoe,

As a resident of Brington Rd. for over 19 years, I have serious concerns about the proposed residential building project at 111 Cypress St. The design and scale of the project, the impact on the neighborhood and traffic, and the safety of pedestrians should not be underestimated.

The traffic issue at the intersection of Brington and Cypress, my biggest concern, is what many refer to as “the intersection from hell”, including our local police officers. I, personally, have had a total of two car accidents in my entire 40 years of driving, both at that very intersection. Frequent neglect of traffic rules at this intersection, has been responsible for a number of accidents and near accidents by residents of Brington Road alone. The dangerousness of this intersection cannot be understated. Both my neighbors and I question the validity and integrity of any traffic study claiming otherwise.

Additionally, Cypress St. is a high traffic pedestrian route for both elementary and high school students, as well as a large number of people traveling to and from the Brookline Hills train station. The proposal of this building, which includes an entering and exiting driveway on Cypress Street, would add to existing traffic concerns, creating yet another “intersection from hell” from a pedestrian standpoint. Pedestrians and cars would continuously have to navigate right of way at a major access route connecting North and South Brookline, already a bottleneck. The exposed driveway proposed is short and would create dangerously close contact with pedestrians on a route frequently used by many of our high school athletes (e.g. football players, cross country runners, lacrosse players) running along Cypress St. Several coaches share this concern, especially given these high school students are notoriously oblivious to moving cars. I am afraid this driveway design is an accident waiting to happen, with a strong likelihood of an injury or fatality.

Grave traffic problems at this location already exist. Both the design and scope of the proposed project at 111 Cypress will only serve to exacerbate an already dangerous situation. I ask that you carefully consider the traffic safety issue this proposed development will bring to this already fragile area.

Sincerely,

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