

111 Cypress Development

Dear Ms. Morelli:

I live at 64 Brington Road, a street which will border the above referenced development. Although I think affordable housing is sorely needed in Brookline, I have three major concerns about the development as it is currently proposed.

Height: The building would be far taller than surrounding buildings and dwarf the residential property that borders it on Brington Road. It needs to be more in scale with the neighborhood.

Parking access: Cypress Street is already highly congested. Indeed, it is already quite difficult for Brington Road residents to enter and exit our street because of the bottleneck that builds up at the stop lights. The sidewalk running between route 9 and the high school is narrow and receives quite a lot of foot traffic. As I understand it, the developer proposes to have an exit for parking under the building that opens onto Cypress. I can't imagine how this would work with existing traffic. Moreover, it poses a safety hazard for pedestrians.

Border on Cypress: The development appears to have a solid wall on the first floor bordering Cypress. That is neither attractive nor conducive to the neighborhood feel of this area.

I also share concerns of others who have written you from my neighborhood and with those issues already highlighted by town representatives.

Very sincerely yours,

Janet L. Sanders