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Subject: 1299 Beacon Street For Your Consideration

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing with concern about the building proposed at 1299 Beacon. Its size and scope is such that it will put many more cars, delivery vehicles and overall traffic in an already congested traffic area. I want to list my issues.

1. **Front Entrance Beacon Street Issues:** There is a potential for large daily bottlenecks based on drop offs/pick ups and delivery truck stops on a busy street with only two lanes. Just one cab pick up, Uber drop off, UPS delivery at 8:30 AM would back up the corner causing gridlock into Harvard Street around the corner where to the #66 bus stop.
2. **Sewall Street Entrance:** This is a much more difficult traffic issue for multiple reasons Sewall is small starts out with two-way traffic and then turns to one way behind the crowded Post Office Truck access right after the newly proposed building. Often the trucks block one lane, pushing foot traffic into the street and the street down to one lane. Imagine putting the potential of an 80 unit building with all the associated cars and deliveries there. Imagine, if the snow of this winter was two winters ago. Then the street would be not just impassable with an overly large building addition, it might be downright dangerous.
3. **Pedestrian traffic at the corner of Longwood and Sewall should be considered too.** Coolidge Corner can be pedestrian heaven...or hell. Heaven when we can walk to the store or a restaurant. Or hell when we can't be seen at night especially at that corner. On winter days when that the Temple Israel has activities, normal shopping at Trader Joe's is in full swing, trying to cross the intersection is perilous. There is traffic and people with grocery carts, families with children and folks like me, a 64-year-old woman trying to navigate the area. Now add a building with at least 40 cars coming and going, delivery vans and all the associated crowding. New homes for people to live in are so wanted but an environment on the streets that can be jammed and impassable critical times of day makes me hope to suggest a more diminutive size development.
4. **Density for Coolidge Corner:** I support many of the projects I've read about in our area, many of the developments in this neighborhood would be terrific and provide badly needed affordable housing. The new project on Pleasant Street where traffic is lighter and there are wider streets. The building replacement for the Holiday Inn which already has a setback for trucks and cars. This project at 1299 Beacon needs a more thoughtful view of the traffic impact. I hope you can see to wisely tell the developer to reduce the building and make better easements and allowances for off street deliveries.

Thank you for your consideration.

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