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Dear Board Chair and Members,

The 40B project proposed for 1299 Beacon Street raises serious concerns for the welfare and safety of our neighborhood. From the outset, the plan has never been modified to address the concerns articulated by everyone other than the developer. The scale of the project is far beyond what the site can support during and after construction. Although the project address is 1299 Beacon Street the impact will be to the narrow, one-way Sewall Avenue, in a section already heavily burdened by retail, postal, residential, and traffic demands.

Our driveway, at 30 Longwood Avenue, is on a steep incline which makes exiting a serious challenge today. The visibility is limited by a fence, illegally parked vehicles, the curve of the street, and traffic barreling down the street. It is already a daily safety concern. The plan to further narrow Sewall Avenue for two years while construction is under way is unconscionable. And when the construction is completed Sewall will be taxed beyond its limits. Why should our neighborhood be jeopardized by the developers desire to maximize his profits? We understand and support the need for affordable housing but fail to see how this project is providing much or anything truly affordable. The liabilities far outweigh the assets.

Thank you to the board and Brookline officials for your hard work on this important matter.

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