

500 Harvard St

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I am in favor of building housing at 500 Harvard St, so long as it has at least one parking space per unit, which could be available to residents or visitors. Unless visitors park illegally in the TJ Maxx lot, there would be no place for their cars, and that without considering planned construction on Thorndike or the HSL proposed campus. During rush hour and when BU is in session, the B line is standing room only as it reaches Comm Ave and Harvard St and that is often true of the 66. For those with mobility issues (not handicapped by definition, but unable to walk or stand for long periods), car access is important. Also, I and others have friends all over the Commonwealth who do not have easy access to public transport, and where driving to commuter rail, taking the train to North Station and then taking the T would make a one-hour car trip into a 3 hour ordeal.

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