

Mr George Teso
Traffic Dept. City of Cambridge
51 Inman Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

January 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Teso,

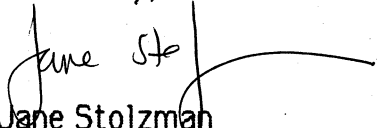
I am sitting here, feeling very pessimistic about the traffic problems on Putnam Ave. I live near the intersection of Putnam Ave. and Pearl Street. Each day, there is bumper to bumper traffic from late afternoon to early evening. During the snow storm last Thursday I saw many cars driving up Pearl Street the wrong way in order to avoid the icy conditions on Chestnut Street.

It was ironic, that on the same day, I received the promotional pamphlet from Forest City Developers, proclaiming their award winning design for Central Square. I have discussed this with many neighbors who feel that the neighborhood is doomed if nothing is done. Forest City has appeared to ignore the impact that additional cars will have on the quality of life in this area of the city.

Doesn't the city have a commitment to the people who are committed to staying and raising their families in Cambridge? I have attended several meetings regarding this proposed development and I just don't get the sense that the City of Cambridge is considering the lives of their taxpayers. What I do sense is that Forest City is being allowed to develop what they damn well please.

I have young children who walk almost a mile to their school. The City has not allocated crossing guards for Magazine Street or River Street; and yet, this is one of the densely populated areas of Cambridge. If Forest City plans are not modified, then the increased traffic will not only jeopardize the quality of life in Cambridgeport...it might take a few lives along the way, all in the name of award winning designs.

Sincerely,


Jane Stolzman
482 Putnam Ave. 02139

cc: Cambridge City Council
Dept. of Planning and Development
Cambridge City Police Dept.
Forest City Developers

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Comm. from Jane STolzman, 482 Putnam Ave.
RE: traffic problems on Putnam Ave.

In City Council,

February 2, 1987