

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From *KAS* Kathy A. Spiegelman, Assistant City
Manager for Community Development

Date November 29, 1984

Subject Response to Council Order Requesting Information on Harvard's
Development Plans at Banks Street and Mount Auburn Street

I have met with Jacqueline A. O'Neill, Harvard Associate Vice President and Rob Silverman, Harvard Director of Planning to discuss Harvard's development plans at 8-10 Mount Auburn Street. The following is a summary of the information I have received.

Harvard has long owned 8 Mt. Auburn Street and used it for the University's Buildings and Grounds Offices. The University acquired 10 and 10 A-D Mt. Auburn Street in June, 1984 for the purpose of constructing housing for junior faculty and graduate students with retail space at the ground floor.

Harvard notified immediate abutters and announced the basis of this plan to the Community Advisory Committee which works with the University on various development issues. They decided to choose a designer before beginning neighborhood meetings.

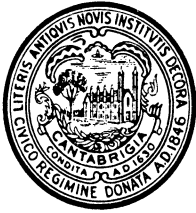
As of November, 1984, Harvard selected ADD, Inc. to design the project based on preliminary plans submitted in response to the desired program for the site. As in the case of University Place and the properties to the west on Mount Auburn Street, Harvard plans to invite representatives of the immediate neighborhood to join its advisory committee. This advisory committee will supplement a process of larger neighborhood meetings as plans for the site are developed.

On Wednesday, November 28th, Harvard invited community representatives to a meeting to discuss the project. Among the concerns raised at the meeting were the proposed demolitions, traffic impact, design qualities, and intensity of development. At this time, I do not know the schedule or process for Harvard's response to these issues. I will keep you and the City Council informed.

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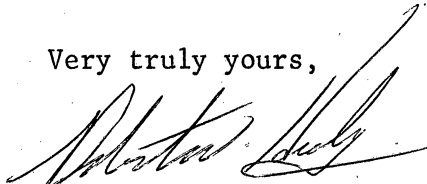
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

December 17, 1984

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 24, relative to development plans of Harvard University for the property located at Banks Street along Mount Auburn Street, enclosed please find copy of a report from Kathy A. Spiegelman, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 24
regarding development plans of Harvard University for property at Banks St. along Mt. Auburn St.

In City Council,

December 17, 1984

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Motion of E. Kennedy
to Refer to
Proposed Meeting
of E. Vellwood Committee
with Harvard Approach