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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Susan Schlesinger, ^{SS}Assistant City Manager for Community Development

RE: City Council Order #43 of January 9, 1997 - Harvard University Proposal at Sumner Road and Kirkland Street

With regard to the above Order, no specific development plan is available for analysis. At a meeting of the Joint Committee for Neighborhood Harvard Consultation, the University announced the formation of a committee to develop the architectural program for an approximately 55,000 square foot facility on the block abutting Sumner Road and Kirkland Street. That general area is divided between a Residence C-1 zoning district along Sumner Road, with the remainder of the block zoned as a Residence C-3 zoning district. If all dimensional requirements of those two districts are met, neither of those two districts would require special planning approval (as for instance a special permit) to construct a non residential building on the site except as outlined below.

In the Residence C-1 zone, special permit approval or a variance might be required if it is proposed to alter the use on the proposed site from residential to institutional, or from one institutional use to another. If the site to be used for the new construction is now in general university use such relief may not be required, however; a detailed analysis of the proposed use and the existing uses on the affected site would be necessary to make any such determination. That determination is required because the entire site is within the Institutional Overlay District and any portion in the Residence C-1 zoning district is subject to the Institutional Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Should historic buildings be proposed to be demolished or moved, the Cambridge Historical Commission would be required to determine whether such structures are preferably preserved significant buildings. If that assessment is made, demolition can be stayed for six months and a process begun for landmarking of the structures should that be deemed appropriate by the Commission.



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June 23, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, regarding issues with Harvard University proposed building project, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #10

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Twenty-two, regarding issues with
Harvard University proposed building
project.

In City Council June 23, 1997

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