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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dear Member of the City Council of Cambridge:

Re: The Zoning Board Decision on The 871 Mass. Ave. Trust Building

The overriding of the Council's clear wishes on zoning changes in the city is a dangerous trend -- an attempt by a few to remove the rights of the many by fiat. Their lack of concern about a major parking and traffic problem is also quite alarming.

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Cambridge Department of Traffic and Parking which delineates major flaws in the present design of the proposed building.

Please see that firm action is taken, should the verbal approach not cause the Zoning Board to reconsider its ill-advised decision.

Your thoughtful consideration of this keystone matter will be much appreciated by those of us who must live with outcome -- for better, we hope.

Very truly yours,

Jane R. Ecker Patricia Macher

Jane Ecker, Patricia Macher and
The Many Who Signed the Petition

Attachment



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

June 7, 1984

Mr. Hugh Russell,
Chairperson
BZA
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Russell:

We have reviewed the development plans for 871 Massachusetts Avenue and have the following comments.

Parking spaces #7,8,9, and 10, on the upper level, will be difficult for full-size vehicles to use given the limited maneuvering room.

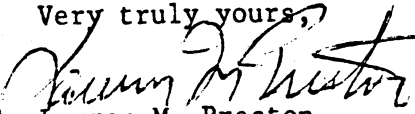
The handicapped parking space should accommodate a full size vehicle.

It will be almost impossible to park a normal size car in space #15. Parallel parking requires a space 8 foot wide and 20 foot long to allow for maneuver room.

Maneuvering in and out of spaces #3 and 4 on the lower level will be difficult because of the 18 foot aisle.

Visibility of entering and exiting vehicles using the ramp to the lower level is poor and could result in vehicles backing in to Massachusetts Ave. or accidents since the ramp is only 10 foot wide and must be used for two-way traffic.

Very truly yours,


Lauren M. Preston
Traffic Engineer

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Communication received from Jane Acker
and Patricia Macher relative to the Board
of Zoning Appeal decision on the 871 Mass.
Ave. Trust Building.

In City Council,

June 25, 1984

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City Manager
and
Board of Zoning
Appeal

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