



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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March 22, 1976

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Response to Councillor Clem's Inquiry on the Inclusion
of Portland Street Land in the Kendall Square EIS

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 8, 1976, in connection with Councillor David E. Clem's inquiry as to whether Portland Street land was included in the Environmental Impact Study for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, which letter has been referred to me for response.

First, I am told by our impact study specialists that the answer to this inquiry, is "yes" in the sense that Kendall Square EIS work must consider possible development on the site in the assessment of Kendall Square development, but "no" in the sense that a full-scale analysis of Portland Street land development is premature at this time, pending a determination of any necessary plan modifications and the nature of those modifications.

Second, it has been determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the Wellington-Harrington Neighborhood Improvement Project itself does not require an Environmental Impact Statement since the project was approved before the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act, and no major plan modification has been proposed. If such plan modification becomes necessary, an EIS could be required by HUD.

If you or Councillor Clem require any clarification of this matter, please call.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Tulimieri
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Deputy Executive Director

cc: Councillor David E. Clem

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In City Council,
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