



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

1493 CAMBRIDGE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

May 10, 1990

Dear Mr Healy,

Council Order 43
156 Sixth Street

The enclosed summary from Biogen explains the activity planned for 156 Sixth Street. Laboratory usage is for both recombinant and non-recombinant research. The recombinant work falls under the Cambridge ordinance on recombinant DNA materials for which Biogen holds permits in its other buildings. The BL1 designation covers experiments requiring only the lowest level of containment by NIH Guideline and under prudent laboratory practice. The non-recombinant work is similarly low level containment work. The end results are pharmaceutical in nature, medicines of various types.

As noted the construction plans are on file with the Building Department. The zoning is appropriate for the activity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Melvin H. Chalfen M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melvin H. Chalfen M.D.

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Health & Hospitals

SUBJECT: RENOVATIONS TO 156 SIXTH STREET

The building at 156 Sixth Street is owned by Eastern Realities Trust and is being leased by Biogen. The leased area within the building is on two floors totalling approximately 21,600 square feet; 12,700 square feet on the first level and 8,900 square feet on the second level. This area is being rehabilitated in accordance with the terms of the lease. Building construction is being conducted under City of Cambridge Building Permit #030905, issued on 8 March 1990. A complete set of plans describing details of the construction is on file with the city of Cambridge.

The first level of the building will contain six laboratories of 6,500 net square feet. The other 6,200 square feet are offices, lobbies and support space. Biogen intends to use these laboratories to accommodate expansion of its current pharmaceutical research operations being conducted at 241 Binney Street and 14 Cambridge Center. The laboratories have been designed as BL-1 (formerly designated as P-1) work areas. Scientific projects in bacterial and mammalian cell culture and in protein purification will be conducted in this space.

The second level of the building will contain offices and administrative support areas.

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May 21, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 28, relative to renovations of the premises numbered 152-156 Sixth Street, attached is a response from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda # 2 *S-545*

Awaiting Report Item # 28 regarding renovations of the premises numbered 152-156 Sixth Street.

In City Council,

May 21, 1990

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City Manager.*