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348 Franklin Street, Apt. 3B
Cambridge, MA 02139
8 December 1986

Damon Development and Construction Co., Inc.
365 Main Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

Dear Sirs:

I live in an condominium up the street from the condominiums your company is building at 362-364 Franklin Street here in Cambridge. I am writing you to request that you try to keep from spreading mud all over our street. Specifically, could you clean up the mess you've made by pumping water out of your foundation pit.

We all know that construction can be a dirty business. However, there's no reason that Franklin Street has to be as muddy and dangerous as it is presently. A little bit of care and effort would make life easier for those who live near your construction site.

So far, by pumping water and mud out of hole you've dug on Franklin Street, you've managed to completely fill the drain nearest the site. Now water and mud flow almost a block up the street to the drain at the corner of Franklin and Soden Street. And now this drain is becoming clogged with debris. During last week's rainstorm the result was a thirty by forty foot lake covering half the street and part of the parking lot for our building.

Your pumping has left the gutters along the south side of Franklin Street full of slippery, slimy muck. When it's wet it makes it a challenge to get from the sidewalk to the street. The mud gets spattered on cars and people. When it dries it adds a great deal of dust to the air. When temperatures drop below freezing, the mud and the water dammed up behind it freeze, creating another hazard, especially at the entrance to our parking lot where much of the water ponds. I'm concerned that you're going to double the problem now that you're pumping water down the north side of the street, too.

Most responsible contractors would build some kind of settling pond to catch the mud before pumping the groundwater into the streets. In lieu of that, if you're going to use the streets as a settling pond, at least clean up the mud that's deposited. It will be a bit of a task to empty out the one drain you've already filled, but scooping up the mud in the gutters would take one man with a wheelbarrow no more than an hour a week.

The effort would certainly be worth the good will you would generate among the people who live along Franklin Street. We badly need more housing built in Cambridge, but it is understandable that Cambridge residents object to new development if it brings with it sloppy construction practices that cause needless inconvenience. I look forward to a cleaner Franklin Street in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Nelson

cc: M. Margosian
Cambridge Building Department
Cambridge Public Works Department
Cambridge City Councilor Dave Sullivan



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

IN CITY COUNCIL
December 15, 1986

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Inspectional Services Department to ensure that the sloppy construction practices reflected in the attached communication be corrected immediately; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report the results to the City Council at its next meeting.

In City Council December 15, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

C. D. Sullivan order re: City Manager to
request the Inspectional Services Dept. to
ensure that sloppy construction practices at
362-364 Franklin St. are immediately corrected.

In City Council,

December 15, 1986