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The Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Petition of Thomas J. Costagliola,
Curb Cut, 12 Bellis Circle

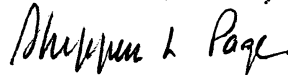
To the Honorable, The City Council:

This letter responds to the notice given to the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association on July 12 with respect to Mr. Costagliola's petition for a widening of an existing curb cut at 12 Bellis Circle. We do not oppose the petition for the reasons stated below.

The neighbors are very concerned about the scale of this development. The zoning ordinance permits Mr. Costagliola, the developer, to transform a large backyard of a single family house into a five single family house complex. This is not an isolated occurrence on Bellis Circle but part of a development trend that has created greater congestion, more cars and less open space. This is a familiar theme in Cambridge these days.

We see little point now in seeking to deny Mr. Costagliola permission to widen the curb cut. The damage has already been done. Parking on Bellis Circle, already extremely difficult, will become worse. The answer, we think, is not to penalize Mr. Costagliola, but to reconsider carefully how to prevent development from undercutting a neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,



Shippen L. Page
Bellis Circle Neighborhood Assn.

Comm. from Shippen L. Page, Bellis Circle
Neighborhood Assn Re: petition of Thomas J.
Costagliola for the widening of an existing
driveway at 12 Bellis Circle; said comm.
stating that the neighborhood assn. does not
oppose the petition, but expressing concern
as to the scale of the development.

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In City Council,

July 25, 1988