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Ms. Leah A. Stoner
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Dear Ms. Stoner:

Thank you for bringing to my attention your concerns regarding the construction and demolition activities that we have undertaken on the University Park site.

We have made efforts on both the 26 Landsdowne Street rehabilitation and the University Park site clean up projects to be sensitive to the kinds of problems you have raised regarding noise, dust and vibration.

With regard to the four issues raised in your letter:

1. Dust. I am pleased to tell you that our contractor has informed me that sand blasting is now complete. He also informed me that the Cambridge Health Department had inspected the sand blasting activity on our 26 Landsdowne Street site on two occasions and had not found the contractor in violation of any ordinances. Most of the demolition within the 26 Landsdowne structure was undertaken prior to the removal of the windows. Some of the sand blasting was undertaken after the removal of the windows but with tarps in place to limit the escape of sand and debris. The paint we removed tested negative for lead.

2. Noise. We are puzzled by the high-pitched noise you describe. Sand blasting does not create a high-pitched noise nor is it loud.

Our regular construction hours are 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The gates do not open until approximately 6:30 a.m. We know of no one doing work on our site at 4:00 a.m. on September 24.

3. Demolition. Our contractor has worked within industry standards to control dust generated in the course of demolition. We have asked him to take additional precautions to limit dust generated during the balance of the demolition work. He will follow all applicable regulations in moving heavy equipment on the public streets.

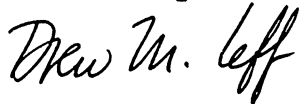
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4. Pile Driving. We are installing 37 Franki piles at 26 Landsdowne Street to a depth of 15 - 20 feet. There is actually less noise with this process than with other pile driving techniques. There is most certainly ground vibration but because of soil conditions and the relatively short depths of the piles there is less vibration than what might be the case in many pile driving situations. 25 of these piles have been installed as of September 29. We expect the other 12 to be installed prior to the end of the week. All work is being done to industry standards.

In addition to the work at 26 Landsdowne, we are cleaning up the University Park site. We will be tearing up asphalt paving, removing old foundations, clearing debris and planting grass and trees. We will also be demolishing a number of buildings on the site over the next two months.

Please feel free to call me at my office (437-9049) at any time to discuss our construction activities.

Yours truly,



Drew M. Leff
Project Developer

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cc: Professor Von Moltke
~~The Honorable Cambridge City Council~~
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Comm. from Drew M. Leff, Project Developer,
Forest City Development, in response to con-
cerns raised Re: construction & demolition at
26 Landsdowne St. & University Park.

In City Council,

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