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September 12, 1996

Mr. Gerald Kelly
10 Virrell Street
Mattapan, MA 02126

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Enclosed are copies of communications to the City Council from your neighbors and abutters regarding their concerns about your plans for your driveway and parking area. The City Council has requested that I forward these communications to you because the Council wants to let you know how your neighbors feel about this matter and hopes that you will consider the concerns of your neighbors as you move forward.

I trust this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

D. Margaret Drury
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City Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Peter and Jana Dublin
Howard Saxner and Laura van Dam
et al.

Peter and Jana Dublin
24 Chilton Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

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July 31, 1996

Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Margaret,

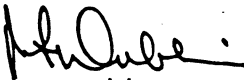
We are writing to you to express our concerns over, and tentative disapproval of, the efforts of the developers of 30 Chilton Street to put in a driveway and pave over their back yard to create a parking lot.

We have lived on Chilton Street for the past twenty-three years. When we first moved in, we removed concrete from our own back yard to increase the amount of open space in our yard and the neighborhood. Over the years, we have seen more and more of our neighbors enhance the neighborhood with the addition of trees, shrubs, and other open space attributes; we would hate to see that pattern reversed by removing three fully grown trees and the damage their removal would do to both the neighborhood and the environment.

We have not yet seen a plan for the driveway and the parking lot, so we must reserve final judgment until we do. On the other hand, the developers have neither kept their word nor worked within the law since the day they began, and we have little confidence in their plans. We remain concerned that there may not be a full 10' of space between their building and our property line. We remain concerned that there may not be sufficient open space in accordance with the law. We remain concerned that no matter what their plan says that they will not implement it accurately.

For these reasons, we would like to go on record as opposing any efforts to reduce the open space on Chilton Street and reserving the right to see a final plan before any decision is made.

Sincerely,


Peter Dublin


Jana Dublin

(617) 354-7734

Email: phdublin@aol.com

Aug. 15, 1996

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CAMBRIDGE MA.

Margaret Drury
City Clerk, City of Cambridge
759 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury,

We are abutting neighbors behind 30-32 Chilton St., which is now being renovated by a group of developers. They have told us they want to put a parking lot in the backyard. (At times they have told us perhaps three spaces, at other times, six.) We are now waiting for them to show us plans so we can respond.

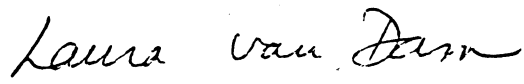
Because we will be unavailable for two weeks, we want you to know that we very much want to see the plans so we can respond in writing to them. But if somehow the zoning laws are such that we could miss this opportunity over the next two weeks, we want to inform you that, without the benefit of seeing plans now, we tentatively disapprove of the developers turning their backyard into parking space, for several reasons.

First, the yard is extremely close to our building--depending on what part of our house, between just 3 and 8 feet away. Parking that close to our rooms will have a quite undesirable effect for us, in many ways. Second, we are concerned that our neighborhood could lose more green space, which is quite limited and precious. This is a densely populated neighborhood with little to buffer neighboring houses. We are concerned that the developers, who have no intention of living in the building, are proposing parking in order to sell the units as quickly as possible, as one of them has told us. While this would obviously benefit them financially, it would have an adverse effect on the quality of life for residents already here.

Finally, the developers' record with the project concerns us. It is our understanding that Inspectional Services has found a number of problems with the project. We are not certain whether the developers will follow through on representations made to the city and the neighbors about any parking plan.

Sincerely,


Howard Saxner


Laura van Dam

93 Fayerweather St., Cambridge, MA 02138

Sent to Inspectional Services 8/20/96

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July 29, 1996

Ranjit Singanayagam
Inspectional Services, City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Margaret Drury
Office of the City Clerk, City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Singanayagam and Ms. Drury,

As property owners who are abutting neighbors of 30-32 Chilton St.--a site being renovated by its new owners, a set of developers--we would like to let you know in writing that we are interested in any backyard plan devised for the property. We are withholding judgment until we see a bona fide plan, but want to respond to it once we have seen it.

Thank you very much for recognizing our interest in the property, as what happens there will affect each of us.

Sincerely,

Flower & Saxe
Laura van Dam

93 Fayweather St.

MSWalsk

31 Chilton St.

Cambridge / 491-6519

Mid (Michelle Sprengel) #3
31 Chilton #3 661-7678

R. M. Singh

Mervin Dublin

Jana St. Dublin

24-26 Chilton St.

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95 Fayerweather #3

Consent
Communication #14

S-417

Communication was received from property owners who abut 30-32 Chilton Street, a site being renovated, expressing their concerns regarding any backyard plans for the property.

In City Council September 9, 1996.

Placed on file
Copy sent to property
owner

9-12-96 letter &
Copies sent
me