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To: City Council
Subject: 120 Norwood - SPECIAL PERMIT ZONING RELIEF (#392-22) - please DENY request - (with typos fixed)
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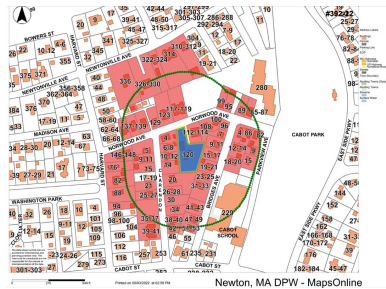
Dear City Council,

Tuesday, September 20, at 6 pm at City Hall.
120 Norwood - SPECIAL PERMIT ZONING RELIEF (#392-22)

Please DENY request.

We are abutters of the lot at 120 Norwood, resident owners living at 10 Clarendon since 1998.

Norwood, Bridges, Parkview, and Clarendon are the four interlocked tiny streets around 120 Norwood. These tiny streets are THE primary driving, biking, and walking routes to accompany children and teachers to and from Cabot Elementary School and Cabot Park. (See map)



The tiny streets surrounding 120 Norwood experience daily serious hazards to children, pedestrians, bike riders, vehicles, trees, and yards. Abutters and residents 2 or 3 doors away have documented high driving speeds, running stop signs, blocked driveways, removal of parking notice signs, extended periods of illegal parking, narrow passages, and blocked visibility, sharing detailed photos and videos.

Access for emergency vehicles, fire trucks, school buses, and power company vehicles is severely hampered on streets which barely permit two cars to pass by each other, even at times when no street parking is in use. This is especially true during drop off and pick up for regular school, after school, and sports games at Cabot Elementary School and at Cabot Park, which contains several public sports fields for afternoon and evening games.

Despite the purpose-built drop-off area and crosswalks on Cabot Street, and despite ample parking spots guaranteed on the other side of Cabot Park and at Cabot Village, parents, teachers, and children routinely shortcut in masses down our tiny streets. We can't stop them.

They come in cars and on foot. Each school child who walks is accompanied by one parent, some preschool siblings, a single or double stroller, and a dog. This clogs the sidewalks, so children and pets spill out into the streets, where the driving parents drive crazy to be on time.

120 Norwood is LOCKED IN AT THE CENTER of this mess. You must pass 120 Norwood no matter how you go. This impacts the 23 households that DIRECTLY ABUT the 120 Norwood lot, as well as those who are not literally abutters, but live 2 or 3 doors down.

We ALREADY juggle unreasonable hazards with no remedy, daily, just to get to and from our homes and jobs. We're suffering NOW, while 120 Norwood is unoccupied. It would be grossly dangerous and excessive to add 4 households and 8 cars to our ALREADY packed streets.

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