

## Nadia Khan

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**From:** Barbara <bcwalla6@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Nadia Khan  
**Subject:** Time-based: Special Permit #338-20 63 Bourne Street and Abbuter Concerns for Oct. 13, 2020 Council Meeting

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Dear Ms. Nadia Khan,

Katie Whewell, Sr. Planner, gave me your contact information along with that of Christopher Markiewicz, Ward 4, Land Use Committee. As of today, Mr. Markiewicz has not responded to my October 6th email request for a conversation prior to the Planning committee meeting scheduled for October 13, 2020, hence I am writing to you to express our concerns. Specifically, we are very concerned about the Special Permit requested by the property owners at 63 Bourne Street.

My 95 year old mother lives directly across the street at 62 Bourne Street and has been at that address for over 68 years. We plan to be on Zoom for the hearing next Tuesday, October 13, 2020, but had hoped to get some clarification regarding the granting of this Special Permit, as we feel it is in violation of the criteria listed in the 7.3.3 grant information for Special Permit reviews that we have read, and, as we have understood it.

We have already seen a drastic change in the character of this once beautiful, residential neighborhood. Old, majestic Victorian homes are being torn down and replaced by multi-dwelling townhomes and apartments. These dwellings are bringing itinerant occupants, with multiple cars spilling out onto the already narrow street, not to mention their visitors' cars, among other hazards.

We, personally, have had our cars hit four times in the last year, by cars backing out from tight parking spaces unable to make the tight turn onto the street. The traffic has increased with more landscaping and maintenance trucks parked on both sides of the street, all hours of the day.

We feel our neighborhood is being turned into a business environment where landlords are capitalizing on using their townhouses and homes with multiple apartments as rental properties for financial gains, at the expense of those of us who have long valued the peace, safety and tranquility of living in a truly residential neighborhood.

We have spoken to the abutters and our neighbors directly across from 63 Bourne Street and NONE are supportive of this Special Proposal #338-20 request to demolish the existing garage behind the 2/3 apartment home at 63 Bourne Street and replace the garage with a new structure that will include yet another apartment already adding to the demise of the neighborhood environment, adding more congestion and danger to those of us who have lived all of our lives in this neighborhood, and call it home.

We respectfully request the Committee deny this proposal based on the 7.3.3 Grant of permit information for Special Permit Reviews given it is in violation of the criteria listed.

Most sincerely,  
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