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Dear Members of the Newton City Council:

Newtonville is suffering from overdevelopment everywhere. There has been constant construction on my block for over two years now. Monday through Saturday the machinery starts up at 7:30 am. The properties on either side of me at Churchill Street were bought by developers. At 48 Churchill, which they purchased for \$680,000, they razed the 1892 house and put up two huge townhouse/condos, which they have put on the market for over one million dollars each.

This neighborhood has been an area where medium income people could afford to buy a home but not anymore. Some of these places had apartments that were affordable for working class families to rent but development had made many of those apartments disappear. Developers are being allowed to massage the zoning laws to their benefit yet the taxpaying, voting citizen concerns are ignored.

Let me be clear, I am for affordable housing but what is happening in my neighborhood is NOT affordable. It is making it UNAFFORDABLE.

We already have a huge building about to be put up on the public parking space on Austin Street. I, and many of my neighbors do not want our village to become another Newton Corner. Please do not let the developer of the Orr Building Proposal get variances that would over shadow and over whelm the nature of our village center.

Respectfully,

Faith Justice

44 Churchill Street

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