

Nadia Khan

From: David A. Olson
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 10:32 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Nadia Khan
Subject: FW: Development in Newton

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From: Jeanne White [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2016 2:51 PM
To: David A. Olson
Subject: Development in Newton

Dear Mr. Olson,

I would like to express my opposition to the Orr Block proposal. It's too large, too daunting and unattractive with the potential for a substantial impact on the traffic on Washington and Walnut Streets. By all means, improve/upgrade the Block without jeopardizing the village ambiance. So many more attractive possibilities could be explored. I feel as a Newtonville resident, I am being railroaded yet again i.e. the Austin Street development. Are my councilors listening?

Today's Boston Globe Op Ed featured a letter from Derek Chiang of Brookline that expressed my concern:

"Developers often exploit Chapter 40B as a cover to demolish buildings and replace them with market rate apartment complexes that overwhelm their surroundings. Since the state rarely enforces its own Chapter 40B design guidelines, developers willfully ignore substantial concerns from local residents."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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