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City of Newton Public Hearing  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of myself and the rest of the Caplan family, to express our aggravation and upset regarding the building of a new house at ~~15~~<sup>16</sup> Burrage Road. Since the reconstruction of this property has begun we have not only experienced damage to our house from the demolition process, which will be handled by the contractors insurance company, trash littering throughout the neighborhood from their dumpster overflowing, traffic issues, as well as our street now being in extreme disrepair with large potholes in front of their house and wear through the street, in addition there was a portapotty located on the side of the road blocking traffic flow.

We absolutely do not condone the garage addition to this new development. This change is now preventing one of our long standing neighbors of 17 years and the previous neighbors who had lived there from now accessing their house. It is preposterous that the city would allow a contractor to come and take over land that has been developed for years changing the layout, and without the permission of the City of Newton or the Sostek's who have a shared driveway. This should not be allowed. As a fellow neighbor and property owner I feel that this is not right not ~~un~~justified.

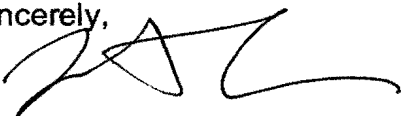
When the city had placed a work stoppage order, we witnessed on many occasions work being done to the house at all hours of the day and night. It was brought to my attention that the contractor was fined by the City of Newton, but the fines have now been reduced greatly. I do not understand how this can happen, fines are in place for reasons and no one should be exempt from this especially under these circumstances.

At the beginning of this construction, we were not notified prior to the demolition while living only one house away from the property. The damage done to our house during this incorrect demolition includes: windows cracking, cracks in ceilings as well as walls, cabinet doors falling off the cabinets, etc. As a result of everything that has transpired, we feel that it is not right to allow the garage variance to be approved. We ask that the retaining walls be pulled back and or removed to accommodate the original plans which

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include two parking spaces and allow the Sostek's full use of their shared driveway and property in which they own and pay taxes on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Caplan', written over a horizontal line.

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