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Subject: 1081 Washington St - special permit application
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Ms Finucane

I am writing to share my concerns (and those of many of my neighbors) about a special permit application which will be heard at the Land Use Committee on 9/11. The property in question is 1081 Washington St which requests a number of waivers including one for 8 parking spaces, and to extend a non-conforming structure with regard to setback and height.

I propose that the committee deny the special permit on the basis that the planned property is simply too big for the lot; it is too close to the street, it is too close to the adjacent residence and most significantly will exacerbate the parking problem that already exists on Washington St and neighboring residential side streets, which result from the current businesses - Beacon Hill Athletic Club, Trader Joe's - in the area. Not only are there insufficient parking spaces proposed in the plan but those provided will not be visible from the street and they will be provided in a very confined area. Both of these factors will discourage customers/employees from actually using them.

I plan on attending the hearing on 9/11 and look forward to the opportunity to speak to the Land Committee then.

Sincerely

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