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Alderman Ted Hess-Mahan
Chairman, Land Use Committee
City of Newton
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RE: Petition #213-12

Dear Mr. Hess-Mahan and Committee Members,

The notice for the hearing to consider the above petition came to my home while I was traveling, so I have only now become aware of this proposed project. I would, therefore, like to express to you now my objection to it on the basis of inadequate parking which will have a negative impact on neighboring businesses and residents, as well as on Needham Street.

This project has a severe shortage of parking, specifically a deficit of 37 allotted stalls, based on the city zoning code requirements for the uses proposed. This deficit would result in overflow parking to occur in parking spaces of all business abutters, which would put these businesses in an untenable position in terms of their own customers' parking needs. My parking area, with its egress from/exit to Needham Street is directly across from this proposed project and extends behind several businesses, all of whom have complied with city zoning in order to supply adequate parking for their own customers. I do not think they should be asked to supply parking for some other business that has not. Furthermore, as this project's customers scout around looking for places to park, they would contribute more stress to an already-congested street. This should raise safety as well as traffic concerns.

Finally, my parking area also abuts and extends behind several residential properties on Winchester Street. These Newton residents would find their peace and tranquility severely impacted negatively by such an increase in traffic and noise, particularly late at night.

I realize that this may seem to be an exciting new project for the city with new tax revenue, etc., but it should not be accomplished at the expense of others. The city has devised zoning rules for good reasons. They are meant to meet the needs of all of its businesses and residents as they keep the city running smoothly and safely. I would urge you to adhere to these rules for the sake of all.

I thank you for your attention, and your sincere consideration of this objection.

Yours truly,



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