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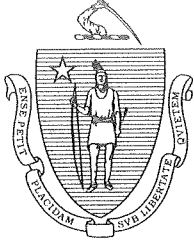
Land Use Committee
Board of the Aldermen
City of Newton
Clerk's Office
Attn: Linda Finucane
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Newton, MA 02459

September 23, 2014

Honorable Members of the Land Use Committee,

I am writing this testimony today to raise the concerns of both myself and the residents of Brookline and West Roxbury on the proposed amendments #102-06(11+12) by Chestnut Hill Realty Development, LLC to the previous special permit issued for the Kessler Woods Residential Development project #102-06(10).

I have spoken with residents of the surrounding neighborhoods as well as with other local elected officials to discuss significant issues with the proposed plans and amendments. These concerns include increased traffic on LaGrange Street, excessively loud blasting that could also disrupt ground water due to the wetlands present near the site, and the developer not adhering to all of the conditions attached to the original special permit. These original conditions include, but are not limited to, placing seismic, noise, dust, and ground water monitors as well as providing significant funds in an escrow account to cover costs of damage to abutting home owners. The height of the proposed buildings is a major issue as well to the residents due to non-conformity and visibility from their homes. It is because of these issues



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the abutters face that I voice these concerns with this development project.

I ask that you strongly take into consideration these issues before moving forward as they should not be overlooked since so many surrounding neighborhoods will be negatively affected.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Coppinger".

Edward F. Coppinger
State Representative
10th Suffolk District

CC: Zoning and Planning Committee of the Board of Aldermen