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# LETTER: Developers should leave Cambridge neighborhood better, safer

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Cambridge — Cottage Park Avenue is a narrow dead end with a remarkably scary dog-leg that is difficult to see around. It is served by two "black" fire hydrants. Black because the water main cannot supply enough water for a fire. There are now only 10 units in one and two family homes. This population will more than double when the 16 new condos on this street are occupied. But instead of fixing the water main on Cottage Park, our city is allowing the developer of these condos to go through backyards to connect to the water main of another street.

This is not right. Our city should ensure that developers leave the neighborhood a better and safer place. A small price to pay for increased density. Situations like this are out of the control of our elected City Council and entirely controlled by the city manager.

We all acknowledge the incredible job that the city manager has done. We have the renovated high school, the new library, and the new police station. We have the AAA bond rating and a low tax rate. But it is common sense that developments that overtax our utilities should be responsible for upgrading them.

This is not about a tiny street in North Cambridge. It is about your neighborhood and every neighborhood in the city. We have more development permitted or being built in the first two years of this decade than in the previous 20 years. This incredible success demands that our city manager to be vigilant in preserving our quality of life, especially our safety.

Come to "Putting Neighborhoods First" at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Senior Center at 806 Mass. Ave. to hear Professor Tom Angotti discuss the massive developments in Brooklyn, N.Y., and other experts discuss our own massive developments in Cambridge.

P.S. please e-mail the City Council at council@cambridgema.gov to demand the manager have the developer fix the water main!

— Charles Teague, Edmunds Street

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