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**Subject:** Demolition and curb cut at 93 Kirkland - copied to dlopez@cambridgema.gov

As a resident of the affected neighborhood, I am writing to challenge both the process and the decision to partially demolish the Grace Norton Apartment building at 93 Kirkland and to install a dangerous curb cut to accommodate the proposed added buildings.

The curb cut/driveway on this short block of Kirkland/Washington St, poses an extreme safety menace to pedestrians and drivers. Dozens of toddlers enter and exit The Tree House Academy, a day care center already sandwiched between two driveways, and less than 100 feet away from the developers' proposed new driveway, which would introduce the additional inflow and outflow of cars from 9 condos. The new driveway would be right next to the gated exit/entrance to Holden Green and diagonally facing Line St. where traffic merges with traffic from Kirkland/Washington. Vehicles entering and exiting from the proposed new curb cut/driveway would be in competition with cars on Line St. attempting to merge with traffic on Kirkland/Washington.

During the Council's June 17 meeting, a petition with 90 signatures from two Cambridge neighborhoods, Agassiz and Mid Cambridge, expressing residents' genuine and well-founded fear of the impact of another driveway on this one short portion of Kirkland/Washington was dismissed. It is clear that the Council is not focusing on the traffic and safety issues involved in the 93 Kirkland project, nor has it been willing up to this point to open its chambers for a full discussion of the preservation, environmental and procedural issues that also formed the body of petition. The fate of Grace Norton has never been discussed in a genuine public forum, which would have invited the two interested neighborhoods to speak their mind about the present plan.

As a resident of the neighborhood and citizen of Cambridge, I expect a more open and thorough approach to development:

- Review the plans with attention to safety concerns
- Hold an open public meeting where residents can speak
- Weigh the concerns of people whose lives will be affected.

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