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I strongly oppose transferring special permit granting authority from the Planning Board to the City Council. This is truly a crazy idea!
The councilors do not have the expertise to consider such matters, the council does not have the time, this sort of authority would violate the spirit, if not the letter, of our Plan E government that has served Cambridge well for decades, and this is an invitation to corruption through the lobbying that would occur through campaign donations and the like.

It is appalling that a city councilor would propose something as irresponsible as Councilor Carlone's proposal.

I realize that some of the motivation to change the present system comes from neighborhood concerns about all the development in Fresh Pond. I believe that the City can work on traffic and infrastructure issues in a way that will result in the Fresh Pond area becoming very much improved. In five years, we will all be glad that these projects happened.

Very truly yours,

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