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From: Oliver Radford [<mailto:oradford@perryandradford.com>]
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Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of the Council,

I would like to strongly urge you to enthusiastically support the unanimous recommendation of the Historical Commission to designate the former Hathaway Bakery at 33 Richdale Avenue as a Cambridge Landmark.

There has been a long process and much neighborhood effort to save this historically significant building from the near total demolition that was originally proposed by the developers more than 18 months ago in the Spring of 2013.

After multiple Historical Commission hearings -- which took place only because demolition was proposed -- the developers radically changed direction and came back with a revised proposal that not only gained the approval of the Historical Commission, but also gained the acceptance, and even some appreciation by, of many of the neighbors.

Granting Landmark status now will not negatively affect the current development, but will forever put the building under the care and jurisdiction of the Historical Commission, to protect this important piece of Cambridge history for future generations.

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