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Dear ordinance comm  
city of cambridge, mass

I understand your difficulty in solving this problem-we all want to help schools but I would like to just state a few facts about our beloved cambridge and mass avenue at porter square in particular>I have been here at 1800 and 1791 mass avenue since 1939-practicing dentistry. Cambridge has been wonderful to me-I have done my best to be a good citizen-and I might inform you that twice my request for zoning change from residence B to business has been REFUSED-I also have a letter from comm telling me that, such a change will never be allowed>I accepted your decision thinking that here is one city who means to protect its citizens rights.

Mass avenue was just wonderful BEFORE the cement was installed in center- of roadway-traffic then became a problem-that was many years ago-and 20 or 30 years later, we have stalled traffic not during rush hour BUT ALL DAY LONG. During rush hours-I can hardly get out of my driveway-almost from 5 Pm to 9 Pm>Traffic before the porter square bridge is a hopeless mess-ROSELAND STREET is a FEEDER into mas avenue for three main streets> Beacon-oxford and somerville ave>In fact, if you add one bicycle to roseland-at rush hour you will have immovable traffic.

Keeping that in mind, just think of work crews digging down three levels-moving a church which should NEVER be moved. add a building to house 3 or 400 students on a small street already overloaded-with no new parking-no new open space for all the added foot traffic and CARS and you not only have chaos but you have ruined the lives of all surrounding porter square people -and RUINED mass avenue? You wil back up traffic beyond south boaston for people trying to get home to outlying towns. and destroyed emergency vehicle movement and emergency evacuation of boston in case of an unwanted nuclear device explosion..

If by chance you doubt these statements-just have some intelligent person stand at mass ave and roseland for one week and view the mass congestion there and beyond the bridge. NO RESPONSIBLE person who does this would ever allow and such project to be allowed !!!!!You must not congest this area any more.

I would suggest moving the harvard square kiosch 100 feet northerly and putting the art bldg in harvard square where there is more room and access. Dont destroy cambridge 11 That area is no place to IMPOSE so much construction and congestion on all the good people of our area>

I love progress but this project is so outrageous for this very congested area. This project need MUCH MORE LAnd area>for 400 students and cars>

Very sincerely,

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