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To: Tim Jordan; City Council
Subject: 931 Boston Road Development: Impact on I Street Residents

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Dear Council President Jordan,

I am writing as a homeowner and resident of I Street in Bradford to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed residential development at 931 Boston Road, particularly the plans to utilize I Street as an access point for the development.

I grew up playing outside on this very street, just as I still see children doing today. It has always been a quiet, close-knit neighborhood where families feel comfortable letting their children play in their yards and along the dead-end road. I'm incredibly proud to now own a home in the same neighborhood where I grew up. My husband and I hope to start a family of our own in the very near future, and the thought that the neighborhood I have known and loved my entire life could be fundamentally changed is deeply concerning.

I Street is a narrow, dead-end residential road that was never designed to accommodate the traffic associated with a development of this size. The addition of 14 residential units would bring a significant increase in vehicles, along with construction traffic, deliveries, and service vehicles. Without sidewalks or infrastructure designed to support this additional activity, I worry about pedestrian safety, emergency vehicle access, road conditions, and, most importantly, the safety of the children and families who live here.

Equally frustrating has been the experience of residents throughout the review process. Many of my neighbors and I have attended Planning Board meetings, taken the time to understand the proposal, and raised legitimate concerns about its impact. Unfortunately, the responses we have received have often been vague and have done little to reassure us that these issues are being adequately considered or addressed.

We understand that development is a necessary part of a growing city, and I am not opposed to responsible growth. However, I strongly believe that new development should not come at the expense of the safety and quality of life of existing residents. It is difficult to understand why a quiet residential street should be expected to accommodate the traffic and demands of a development located along Boston Road, particularly without a more thorough examination of alternative access options.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider the following before making a decision:

- Whether I Street can safely accommodate the additional traffic, including emergency and service vehicles.
- What alternative access routes have been explored and why they have not been pursued.
- How the concerns raised by residents throughout this process have been meaningfully addressed.
- What long-term impact this development will have on the safety, infrastructure, and character of our neighborhood.

I recognize that the City must balance many interests when considering development proposals. However, the voices of the people who already live in these neighborhoods deserve to carry meaningful weight in those decisions.

Our neighborhood is more than an access road on a developer's site plan. It is our home. The decisions made regarding this project will have lasting consequences for the people who live here, and I sincerely hope those voices will be reflected in the Council's deliberations.

I sincerely ask that you and your fellow councilors give these concerns careful consideration and refrain from approving the proposal in its current form until the impacts on existing residents have been thoroughly evaluated and addressed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your service to our community and hope that the voices of I Street residents will be heard before a decision with such lasting consequences is made.

Given the upcoming October 27 meeting, I would greatly appreciate a brief acknowledgment that my concerns have been received and will be shared with the appropriate Council members.

Sincerely,

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