

To the City Councillors of Newton,

I am a concerned citizen of Newton interested in increasing the city's options for sustainable transportation and attracting new residents who value the environmental benefits of transit oriented developments. Northland Investment Corporation has proposed to build a mixed-use development by the Upper Falls Greenway and in the place of the Marshall's plaza by Needham Street. A core feature of the development is a transit mobility hub that Northland will build to provide regular shuttle bus service to MBTA stops and commuting destinations in Boston and Cambridge.

Such a small proportion of current commuting Newton residents commute via public transportation, and it really flies in the face of the progressive values we claim to hold as a community. This development will only include one parking space per rental unit, will promote bike usage, and will provide a viable public transportation hub for development residents and current Newtonians alike. This will also serve to mitigate any additional traffic (again, commuting traffic from those NOT using public transportation) from the development.

Lastly, of the 800 rental homes, 123 of these will be for affordable housing candidates. This is another feature of this development that we cannot afford to turn away in the face of the dearth of public housing available for vulnerable citizens.

Please align your votes with our values, and support Northland.

Thank you,

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