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To the City Council of Newton,

I am writing in support of Northland's Needham Street project. This mixed-use, smart-growth development will be an asset to our neighborhood, turning an ugly industrial site and parking lot into residences, shops, restaurants and functional green space for everyone to enjoy.

As a 20 yr resident of Charlemont St I have watched the area transition for the better with increasing foot and bicycle traffic accessing increased retail, recreation, and services along Needham St. The neighborhood residents would benefit from the extension of these trends and from improved multimodal transportation and services that come with the project.

Car traffic is already a problem. After learning of Northland's multimodal plan to mitigate traffic, my family and I support the new public transportation this project will include. The "mobility hub" will offer accessible shuttle bus service not just to residents of the development, but to the neighborhood at large as well. This is an opportunity for our neighborhood. Please support the Northland project.

Sincerely,

David Conklin