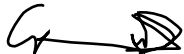


Dear Newton City Councilors,

The 23 acre lot near the intersection of Oak Street and Needham Street offers a unique opportunity for a redevelopment that will greatly enhance the village experience in the neighborhood.

A smart growth development like this--with mixed-uses, multiple modes of transportation, new affordable housing, and a large amount of green space--should be a welcome addition in a city that desperately needs more of each of these things. The Upper Falls neighborhood, as well as surrounding villages, would benefit greatly from new housing and retail opportunities presented in such an appealing and thoughtful way. It is my opinion that this proposal is a great use for this underdeveloped property and I hope the City Council will allow it to be built as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Jacobson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary Jacobson  
Waban, MA