

Dear Newton City Councilors and Members of the Land Use Committee,

I am writing to express to you my support of the proposed Northland development that would take the place of the shopping plaza on the corner of Oak and Needham Street near the Upper Falls Greenway. I believe will have tremendous benefits for the City of Newton.

Not only will Newton benefit from the local income brought in through this injection of affordable housing, also by the diversity of backgrounds and opinions, interests and culture of the people who will benefit from this housing opportunity.

I am also very impressed with the thoughtful planning of the Northland team in how to mitigate the effects of traffic on Needham Street resulting from the development. They have multiple entry and exit points to the development, funneling traffic away from Needham Street, as well as restricting development residents to one parking space (but plenty of bike parking) per unit. The mobility hub will also be a great resource to residents both within and outside of the development, providing public transportations to many areas in Newton, Cambridge and Boston. Ultimately, Needham Street traffic is something the state and city needs to take care of, but I appreciate that the developers at Northland are trying to do their part to assuage the concerns of current Newtonians.

Thank you for your time and support of this upcoming project,

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Leon Sandler

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