



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

proposed development at 11-26 Heron st. West Roxbury

Guo Cheng <[REDACTED]>
To: "Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov" <Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov>

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 4:57 PM

Dear, Ms. Kerr:

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The proposed development is too massive for the location and the street. The height of the proposed buildings is far above the existing single family houses on Heron Street and Grouse Street and will obliterate the current living environment and privacy for existing residents.

Moreover, every time when I visited my friends on Heron I found getting in and out of the street was a real challenge, largely due to the very crowded street parking at the entrance of a steep slope street plus the speedy busy traffic on Washington Street. Most of time only one car at a time can drive through. Given the existing challenge and the dramatic increase in density from the proposed development, accessing Heron Street with safety will become a more serious concern.

I realize that the city of Boston is in great need of new housing to accommodate its current growth, but surely this should not be done at any cost. I support new developments in Boston that are in harmony with the environment, and promote safety and accessibility for the existing and the future residents.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our opinion

have a nice day

Resident of West Roxbury,

Sincerely Guiying



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Opposition to Proposed Development at 11-26 Heron Street West Roxbury

James Yan [REDACTED] >
To: mayor@boston.gov, Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 9:37 PM

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street. The scale of the proposed development is entirely too large for the surrounding environment and the density is well beyond what the zoning rules specify. The height of the proposed buildings is far above the existing single family houses on Heron Street and Grouse Street and will obliterate the current living environment and privacy for existing residents.

The street is already very narrow for existing traffic, and the proposed build will make the traffic even worse. Every time when I visited my friends on Heron I found getting in and out of the street was a real challenge, largely due to the very crowded street parking at the entrance of a steep slope street plus the speedy busy traffic on Washington Street. Most of time only one car at a time can drive through. Given the existing challenge and the dramatic increase in density from the proposed development, accessing Heron Street with safety will become a more serious concern.

I understand that Boston is in great need of new housing, but this should be achieved in a well planned manner. New housing should be in harmony with the environment, safety, privacy and accessibility for the current and the future residents.

James
West Roxbury Resident



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street, West Roxbury

Jimmy Wang <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: wjhcontact@gmail.com
To: aisling.kerr@boston.gov

Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 10:38 AM

Dear Ms. Kerr,

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Jimmy Wang
[7 Snowden Way](#)
Boston, MA 02124



Re: 11 & 26 Heron Street, West Roxbury - Multi-Family Residential Development

jjinex . <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 7:35 AM

To: aisling.kerr@boston.gov

Cc: Jack.Duggan@boston.gov, mayor@boston.gov, Lucy Lu <[REDACTED]>, Jin Jing <[REDACTED]>

Dear Aisling,

I am the owner of [48 Heron Street](#). I was pleased to meet you at the IAG meeting last Thursday. I am writing on behalf of my wife Lucy and myself. As you may know, Lucy and I have owned and lived at [48 Heron Street](#) for more than 15 years. We are the closest neighbor to the proposed development at [11-26 Heron Street](#), and as a result the development will most significantly impact our property.

Our main concerns are the following:

- The proposed project is far too dense for Heron Street, especially in light of the existing 83 apartment units at the Stony Brook Condominium on the same street. Heron Street is a narrow dead-end street which functions as a one-lane street in practice. The overcrowding will result in traffic safety and flow problems, as discussed further below.
- We are opposed to a 4-story building with above-ground parking at 26 Heron Street. This is too tall for a neighboring property to our single-family homes. Our property will be overshadowed and engulfed by this surrounding tall structure.
- We have deep concerns with the number and type of variances requested by the property developer, most importantly for height, frontage/yardage, open space and the side setback towards our property.

Moreover, we have found that the Project Notification Form (PNF) submitted by the developer is missing and/or misrepresenting key information. In particular, it fails to address existing street parking, accessibility and traffic safety-related issues. For example:

- The PNF does not include the information for the side setback of [26 Heron Street](#) towards our property. The building in the PNF picture appears to be sitting on the property line inappropriately.
- The PNF does not indicate the number of parking lots allocated and reserved for guests/visitors.
- The data collected for existing (2019) traffic volumes are misrepresented. For example, on June 10, 2019, between 7:50 am and 8:20 am, we observed 12 outgoing and 3 incoming vehicles. By 8:30 am, more than 1/3 of vehicles had left the 83 parking lots at the Stony Brook Condominium.
- The PNF indicates that some of existing parking spaces on both sides of Heron Street will be stripped so that the street entrance can be widened. But the ratio of parking lots to the number of existing apartment units will be decreased as a result. The existing street traffic flow problems will only worsen, given the lack of appropriately sized, available and safe street parking. Cars will clog our already narrow sloped dead-end street.

Traffic safety is the major reason the proposed development is inappropriate. Getting in and out of the street in its current condition is already a significant challenge. It is effectively a one-lane street given its width. When cars are traveling down the street from opposite directions, one car will typically need to stop to let the other pass by. It is difficult to drive on the street in inclement weather. Given the limited space, the dramatic increase in density from the proposed development, accessing Heron Street will become an even more serious traffic safety issue. At the very least, the street needs to be significantly regraded, widened, paved, and preferably opened on the opposite end - if the development proceeds.

With the current PNF, we do not think it is appropriate to hold the board vote meeting this Thursday. We are requesting to postpone the meeting until the concerns we raise are addressed.

Please let us know if you have comments and suggestions. We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Jin Jing

Lucy Lu



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street, West Roxbury

Jiwei Qi <[REDACTED]>
To: "Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov" <Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov>

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 9:54 PM

Dear Ms. Aisling,

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Thanks,
Jiwei Qi



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street, West Roxbury

Jzwan <[REDACTED]>
To: Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov, Mayor@boston.gov

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 11:54 PM

Subject: Proposed development at [11-26 Heron Street, West Roxbury, MA](#)

Dear Mayor Walsh and Dear Ms. Kerr,

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Sincerely,

Jun Wan
A long time resident of West Roxbury, MA.

[REDACTED]



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

opposition to the proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street

Lu HUANG [REDACTED] >
To: Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 10:45 PM

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Thanks for listening!

Lu Huang Sent from my iPhone



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Against - Proposed Development at 11-26 Hron Street West Roxbury

Min Cheng <[REDACTED]>
To: mayor@boston.gov, Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 4:20 PM

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Min Cheng
WR resident



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

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Nan Liang <[REDACTED]>
To: Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 8:40 AM

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Best regards,
Nan Liang
resident in West Roxbury



Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Proposed development at 11-26 Heron Street, West Roxbury

Shaoping Wu <[REDACTED]>
To: "aisling.kerr@boston.gov" <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>

Mon, Jun 10, 2019 at 8:08 PM

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Sincerely yours,
Shaoping Wu



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Shirley Yang <[REDACTED]>
To: Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 1:23 PM

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Best regards,
Xiaoping Yang



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Xiaowei Xiong [REDACTED] >
To: "Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov" <Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov>

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ZG L <[REDACTED]>
To: Aisling.Kerr@boston.gov

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Zhigang
Boston resident