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Town of Needham
Planning Board
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Re: 557 Highland Ave./ Highland Innovation Center

Dear Board Members,

Please be advised that The Building Department has been part of several meetings between the applicant The Bulfinch Companies and town staff and consultants. Many of the questions that we had during this process have been addressed as far as the site is concerned. The project is still under design and in the early stages for Building, Fire and Mechanical questions currently.

As stated, before site access for pedestrian and vehicle traffic were addressed, fire access around the site was addressed, surface and garage parking were addressed. Water supply and flow for fire protection, and hydrants are under design, locations of hydrants were discussed with the Needham fire consultant.

The site as presented appears to meet the zoning regulations for the site, Special Permits are required for some dimensional requirements based on the design of the structures. The Building Department has no additional questions or comments currently and will continue to work with the applicant on the technical designs of the project.

David A Roche
Building Commissioner
Town of Needham