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Arlington Redevelopment Board members
c/o Jennifer Raitt, Director
Town of Arlington
Department of Planning
Arlington, MA 02476

September 9, 2020

RE: Change in the bridge to the Minuteman Bikeway.

Dear Redevelopment Board Members:

During the remediation of the site at 19R Park Ave, we found additional environmentally contaminated soils which needed to be removed. Due to the increased amount of remediation, the costs to test and to remove additional contaminated soil and the cost to transport it to the appropriate dumpsites caused the need for additional funding which was taken from our project contingency. This left a contingency for constructing the project of less than 5%. This reduction could endanger our ability to complete the three buildings and site improvements. Although the bridge is a wonderful community amenity, the main purpose of the project is to construct the housing units.

To solve this potential funding issue, I am proposing that the bridge to the Minuteman Bikeway be delayed until the end of construction. If there are enough funds remaining, the bridge will be built at that point. Delphi Construction, general contractor for the project, estimated that the cost to remobilize to build the bridge later would be in the range of \$12,000.

My site engineer, Imad Zrein, has created a revised site plan without the bridge so the members of the Board can see how the project site will look if the bridge is never built. I have attached the revised site plan here.

I will attend the ARB Zoom meeting on September 14th to present the change and to answer any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely:

Pamela Hallett
Executive Director Housing Corporation of Arlington
Manager, DSBI LLC

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