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I've been reviewing the ARB agendas regarding plans for the new self-storage facility just across the Mill Brook from where I live. I'm aware that many environmental concerns are being addressed. Aside from those, and because the building will form part of my living room view, I'm especially hoping for some decent touches on its rear façade.

For several months of the year, I and several neighbors on the north-facing side of my condo building have a view through bare trees of the current property at 34 Dudley Street (photos attached). In the distance, we also see the buildings up the "Symmes" hill off Summer Street, which collectively make for a nice vista. As a second floor resident, I likely won't see that hill from my windows anymore once the new facility is built. The view from the public paths at newly renovated Wellington Park will of course also be affected by the structure.

In the latest memo, I was pleased to see mention of "a four-story vertical band of windows ... added to the side and rear façades" and of "three four-story fabric screens ... added along the rear of the building." This is a unique opportunity, and I hope that the new view will indeed have interesting and pleasant elements that mitigate the inevitable harshness of an industrial structure. This rear façade will affect the quality of life in my residence long after construction is finished.

Many thanks for your consideration,
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