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This site, so well located for transportation, natural open space, Arlington elementary schools, walking and shopping amenities in East Arlington and in Somerville, is in a superbly desirable location, a location that will only become more desirable as the population in this region increases. So I'm particularly delighted to see it reserved as affordable housing for people who can not now afford to live anywhere in Arlington but now can benefit from one of the best sites we can offer as a Town.

I am very much in favor of this development brought to us by the Housing Corporation of Arlington. I support its request for a comprehensive permit.

My only disappointment is that it is not taller, offering a few more people the opportunity to be in this terrific location. Perhaps in future years additional floors can be added.

I'm also very pleased to see that the project will meet Passive House standards. It wasn't so long ago that such standards would seem untenable for construction, especially for affordable housing construction. It makes me proud of our community that we can step up and reach for such goals.

It would be an added benefit, from my perspective, if some of these units could house Arlington's young school teachers and other Town employees. I also hope the tenant selection process will allow for racial diversity in addition to the income diversity inherent in the 30% - 60% AMI categories.

Best regards,  
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