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**Subject:** Arlington's Response to the MBTA density overlay

As a long-time resident of Arlington, I am strongly concerned the new zoning proposal to the already over densified town. I ask you to withdraw the proposal.

1. The process in Arlington should include several scenarios, at least including a map and scenario of meeting, but not exceeding the Act's requirements of 2,046 units and with some of the density placed, as the Act intends, within easy walking of Alewife.
2. Arlington should better notify and better get the input of residents and businesses. Other communities better involved the residents and businesses, such as sending letters or cards to homes and businesses in the density overlay areas, allowing for more public input and comment (Arlington has only had one public forum on July 25 - and comments were two thirds expressing concern). The WG proposals are justified poorly by a 213 respondent survey and an earlier very general survey of 1,000 - which didn't ask about density overlay details.
3. The response should have better data about each map/scenario.
4. Most people just don't know the Arlington 'overcompliance' proposal is happening - and when they do hear about it, they are very concerned.

Thanks

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