



November 9, 2023

To Members of the Conservation Commission:

We are writing to reiterate our position that Beta Group should not be considered for any of the requested peer reviews for the proposed Thorndike Place development.

Over the past several years and during the ZBA review, Beta Group was involved with the project and appears to have formed a level of comfort that puts into question an objective viewpoint. As a peer review plays a critical role in identifying potential problems, it is essential to retain qualified professionals that will perform a rigorous and impartial evaluation of the design, materials and results of a project. As such, a "new set of eyes" is needed to perform a comprehensive review of the project applying today's standards and taking into account the future impact of climate change the development would have on this East Arlington neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this concern.

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On behalf of the Coalition to Save the Mugar Wetlands

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