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Jonathan Culley
Harborview Development LLC dba Redfern Properties LLC
P.O. Box 8816
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Project Name: Harborview Townhomes: New building comprising 7 residential units

Project ID: 2011-214

Project Address: 127 York Street (aka 121-129 York Street)

Dear Mr Culley:

I refer to recent discussions regarding the design of the 6 foot high privacy fence around three sides of the site of the proposed new building and am writing to document the current position re site plan approval.

In April, 2012 staff were made aware of the fact that the fence detail approved by the Planning Board in 2011 was inconsistent with the design theme that had been developed by the architects for the building. Although a number of alternatives to the approved fence detail appeared feasible, Soren Deniord requested that your team be given more time to develop a design that met both the aesthetic and functional objectives. For this reason we agreed to approve final plans that show the original approved detail with an accompanying note that states "*Revised privacy fence detail to be submitted for review and approval prior to CO*" (reference detail 5 on L3.0 April 16, 2012, attached).

We request that any redesign of the fence detail address the functional objectives of the site plan requirements. One of the key objectives of the fencing around the proposed parking lot is to avoid the glare from car lights from intruding into neighbors windows and to screen the vehicles as viewed from adjacent properties, and therefore the section along the east side of the parking lot would need to be solid.

We would also request that any new fence detail be attractive from both sides of the fence and achieve some screening (as implied by "privacy" fence) between the residential windows of the proposed condo building and those of the surrounding residential buildings.

I suggest that the revised detail be submitted as soon as possible to allow time for the review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean Fraser".

Jean Fraser, Planner

Attachment: Final approved plans L2.0 and L3.0

Cc Applicant's team: Soren Deniord; Jamie Broadbent (by e-mail)

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