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Subject: 133 York Street

Dear Ms. Fraser,

Thank you for your fastidious attentions to the proposal for 133 York Street.

As a resident who abuts the property in question, I have a few simple concerns:

1. The developer has been less than forthright when dealing with our condominium association. The agent for the developer is on the record at the last Planning Board meeting, stating that he would NOT require the use of our driveway at 33 Park Street to demolish the in situ building or to construct the new building. Less than 24 hours later, we received an e-mail from the developer requesting unlimited access to his property THROUGH our driveway at 33 Park Street for the duration of the construction project.
2. The developer is either unwilling or unable to contact our condominium association to discuss our concerns in spite of a specific request from the Planning Board to arrange such a discussion.
3. The residents of 33 Park Street stand to lose 50 percent of our assigned parking places for the duration of the demolition and the construction at 133 York Street. We have repeatedly voiced this concern with no response from the developer.
4. The architectural design of the proposed building at 133 York Street mirrors the design of the student apartments on Marginal Way (between Intermed and the Diner). I would not be surprised if the architect on both projects -- Marginal Way and 133 York Street -- is one and the same. While such an architectural design may be appropriate for Marginal Way, I respectfully submit that it is inappropriate for Portland's West End. Both the developer of 133 York Street and his architect can and should make a greater effort to ensure a measure of architectural continuity within the neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

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