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Subject: Tobin Recreational Park

As a Cambridge resident and a psychologist concerned with the health of our community, I was surprised to learn that the building proposals for the Tobin school would consume the nearby green space and park.

There is a movement across the country to ensure access to open sky and green space as a way of ensuring well-being and mental health. Consider the long legal fight to save the Prouty garden at Children's Hospital. The new Yawkey cancer center at Dana-Farber contains a beautiful two-story garden space. Why is Cambridge going in the opposite direction? This park is equally important to our community and to our kids.

From speaking with others, I believe there is adequate space for a new building without losing the fields and green space. Once it is gone it is gone, and our community loses a park forever.

In my experience architects and developers often see open land as an enticing opportunity. They are not looking at the whole picture. Please, please ask our three finalists to return to the drawing board and submit designs that preserve our park.

It is the right thing to do for our kids and our community, and it may avoid a protracted legal battle.

Dr. Janet Amphlett
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