

Riley, Kate

From: SusanHirsh [REDACTED]
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To: Riley, Kate
Subject: Help to retain fields at Tobin

Hi,

As a resident of Cambridge for 25 years, as a parent of two children and an aunt of 3 Cambridge residents, I want to express my concern for the elimination of the fields and green space in these plans. While I understand the needs for more space and updated structures (I'm also a teacher), the attributes that make a city appealing to and functional for families is having many places to play and run around. As a resident of Huron Village, my children and my friends' and neighbors' children, need places to run around. If the fields are removed and replaced by buildings, not only will it be a sad loss of green space, but it's a huge loss for people with children who need a place to play. If that space is demolished, the only tiny playground/park within reasonable walking distance is Larch Road Park, and it is small and has no fields to play. Everything else is a car ride away. It's not only inconvenient, but also terribly sad. I wish these thoughts had been considered and incorporated into the plans. Those fields have been an active and vibrant place for baseball games and outside play of all kinds.

If there is anything that can be done to keep the fields and green space, I'd beg you to make it happen, not only for me and my children, but for all kids in Cambridge and in this area.

Thanks for your efforts.

Best, Sue (mom of a 2.5 yo and a 1yo) and aunt to 15 yo twins and a 12 yo (All of whom are Cambridge kids) Sent from my iPhone