



October 21, 2021

Ms. Catherine Preston Connolly, Chair  
Cambridge Planning Board  
344 Broadway  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Via: Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Reference: Parcel I-2 Design Review Revision  
PB #179  
Cambridge Crossing  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Chair Connolly and Members of the Board:

DivcoWest Real Estate Investments and its affiliate DW Propco I2, LLC (collectively, "DivcoWest") respectfully submit this package for amending the existing Design Review approval already granted by the Planning Board for Parcel I-2, which is part of the Cambridge Crossing development. As you are aware, on July 17, 2018, the Planning Board approved the design of two (2) small retail buildings and other public realm improvements on Parcel I-2 (the "Project").

In the intervening time since the Planning Board granted this approval, a new more stringent energy code has been adopted. As we have advanced the design of the Project, we have revised the design of the facades to comply with this new code by reducing the amount of glass, raising the height of the sills and introducing more solid panels. The reduction of the amount of exterior glass will avoid heat loss in the winter and reduce solar gain in the summer. This proposed change to the glass does not change GFA or any of the other dimensions or massing of the Project as previously approved by the Planning Board. Community Development Department staff has reviewed the proposed changes to the Project and is supportive of them as they increase the energy efficiency of the Project and allows for the Project to satisfy energy code requirements.

As part of this Application, we have included eight (8) copies, as well as a flash drive containing an electronic version, of the following materials for review by the Cambridge Planning Board:

- Updated Architectural Elevations of the Project showing the changes in the elevations resulting from the proposed façade changes; and
- Updated renderings showing of the Project showing the proposed façade changes in the context of their surroundings within the Cambridge Crossing Project.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,  
DIVCOWEST REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

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Attachment