

MEMO

To: Cambridge Planning Board
From: Cambridge Bicycle Committee
Date: December 21, 2020
Re: Special Permit PB-364, Cambridgeside & Minor Amendment - PB-66, CambridgeSide

We have reviewed the proponent's proposal and would like to submit the following comments for consideration by the Planning Board.

As the paths in this area, including to and around the Canal, are important parts of the bicycle network, we support proposals to improve them, including modifying the materials to make them less susceptible to drainage problems, plowable in the winter, wider, and well-lit. We look forward to working with the design team on how to make them as bicycle friendly as possible.

We are concerned about the plans for bicycle parking, particularly as the proposal is to require those accessing long-term parking via elevators, which is less convenient than accessing via a ramp or at grade. We also noted that there were concerns about space for short-term bicycle parking and would hope that the final plan includes convenient short-term parking on site.

We also note that Land Boulevard is particularly uncomfortable and treacherous for people traveling by bicycle and encourage the project proponent to include improvements for bicycling along with any work that is done on Land Boulevard and/or its crossing (e.g., at the intersection with Cambridgeside Place).

Thank you for your consideration.