
135 Broadway

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Dear CRA (cc to Planning Board via Swaathi Joseph)

I will not be able to attend the 9/15/21 CRA meeting, but I wanted to share comments on the document <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/51f173a6e4b04fc573b07c0c/t/613bc1292e0a191ddd0b3923/1631306028880/2021+09+15+135+Broadway+CRA+Presentation.pdf>

I think that the plan could be greatly improved by making more of the open space green instead of paved. Right now it is shocking how little greenery is planned around the building. Why are we making the "south facing plaza" along Broadway a plaza at all? We have plenty of plazas in Kendall Square, but green space is becoming scarcer and scarcer. Similarly, why is the "central park" (main open space behind the building, in the interior of the site) almost completely paved? This open space, already challenged by its interior location, is going to fail if it is as unattractive as what is being proposed.

Best,
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