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Sent via form submission from *Cambridge Redevelopment Authority***Name:** Bjorn Poonen**Email Address:** [bjornpoonen@gmail.com](mailto:bjornpoonen@gmail.com)**Subject:** [174 Binney St.](#)**Message:** Dear CRA,

I was interested to see the MITIMCo letter proposing to purchase [174 Binney St.](#) from the CRA. I hope that the neighborhood can be consulted before a decision is made since such an acquisition would have significant implications for the neighborhood, and there are alternative uses of the site that could be considered. For example, with modifications in MIT's currently planned buildings along Binney, the new space could be combined with the proposed pocket park planned by MIT along Binney inside the Volpe site proper to create a more generous open space at 3rd and Binney. Or one could imagine a provision for the transfer of development rights (allowing larger buildings along the now wider space along Binney) that would allow the MIT Volpe plan instead to add about 20% to the main open space at Third and Broadway, in exchange for the acquisition of this parcel. Such a redistribution of development rights on the Volpe site would mitigate some of the negative features of the existing Volpe plan.

Best,

Bjorn Poonen