

Date	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Opinion	Comments
2/28/2019	Kate	Scherlis		Neutral	My husband Dan Scherlis and I live slightly south of the project, on Lake St. Our perception is that the project will lead to increased foot traffic on the west sidewalk on Lake St., which will require (even more) pedestrians to cross Lake St. without a crosswalk. BC and the City of Boston have been very helpful working with us to decrease over-sized truck traffic north on Lake St., and attempting to decrease traffic speed. However, we continue to experience three factors which increase the danger of a deadly collision: 1) vehicle traffic frequently speeds down Lake St., which has a sharp downhill, and angle, with decreased visibility. 2) frequently vehicle traffic travels one-way the wrong direction (i.e., uphill) on Lake St. Current signage does not prevent this occurring on an almost daily basis. 3) the east sidewalk (along the seminary) is narrow and frequently blocked by snow, leaves, etc., so pedestrians almost always walk uphill on the west side. This situation is worst during football games and winter weather. Last fall on a game day, I was in the parking zone, clearing leaves next to my car, when a wrong-way driver avoiding game day traffic passed between me and a car traveling downhill; the car crossed within 18 inches of me and then continued driving all the way up Lake St. to Comm Ave. as I chased him. It is just a matter of time until a wrong-way driver or a pedestrian crossing just north of the seminary property hits/gets hit by a speeding car travelling north on Lake St. We have experienced three major accidents in the past 3-4 years directly in front of our home; two were from speeding cars skidding in the snow (one of which totalled my car, the other of which caused a multi-car accident and damage to a skidding fire truck first responder). One was from a skateboarder who was going too fast to get around the curve (just before Lake Shore); he was not moving after the accident, and it was not clear if he survived.. We recommend addressing all three issues with a combination of a flashing speed sign ("you are going X mph, speed limit is Y mph"), significantly more "One Way" signage, "No Parking" signs on the east side of Lake St. (Uber and Lyft drivers frequently park on that side, with pedestrians crossing traffic to their houses), and finally a crosswalk (ideally w/ a flashing light) at the bottom of the Lake St. hill, following the natural route that BC athletic complex users follow going back to campus. Decades ago Lake St. used to be one way, and too many seminarians sliding downhill into traffic on snowy days resulted in reclassifying it as one way. It is a deceptively dangerous combination of poor visibility, high traffic, and opportunities for poor drivers to cause significant damage. Please help us keep the neighborhood and our BC neighbors safe. Thank you.
2/28/2019	Cynthia	Korhonen		Oppose	This area of Brighton does not need more traffic of any kind. Will there be parking? Will there be a Shuttle bus to transport these strong women and men (athletes?) down the street where they could walk or jog in 5 minutes? (Of course there will be a Shuttle, because all of the universities have them. Students don't walk anymore.) Will the students be dumping more trash (red plastic cups) along the way? Yes, they will. If the Boston College students, whom I like, were as quiet as the Seminarians were, it would be different, but more traffic without regard for the people who live in the area is not something to look forward to. Oh, and what will the opening hours be? Will families be inconvenienced by mobs of loud students morning, noon, and night? Probably. HOW will the neighborhood benefit? It won't. The college should stop encroaching on the neighborhood and spend more money on what really matters (thinking and learning) and not what will, ultimately increase the cost of tuition for its students. Americans should be more concerned about the terrible debt that they are creating for their young people. This athletic center is a poor idea.
3/5/2019	Jonathan	Traum		Oppose	My house abuts the baseball field. When BC announced the plan to build athletic fields behind my house, instead of keeping their old fields on Beacon St., they justified the plan by saying that they would build dormitories on the site of the old Shea field. Instead, they built a field house, and have no immediate plans to build those dorms. They have increased the number of student beds on campus by a small amount, but have not fulfilled their commitments to house all the students who want to live on campus. Meanwhile, the quiet families and professionals who used to live on my street have been replaced by loud students, who don't have a place to live on campus. I therefore oppose this new project, until such time as Boston College has at least begun construction on the Shea Field dorms.