

March 28, 2024

Austin Simko, Chairman, Andover Planning Board  
Town Offices  
36 Bartlett Street  
Andover, MA 01810

Re: Andover Yard

Dear Mr. Simko and members of the Andover Planning Board

The DRB, at the January 9th meeting reviewed the Andover Yard project designed by Arrowstreet, and associated sub-consultants. Their presentation demonstrated an attractive and well designed project, with an urban sensibility, and the thoughtfulness needed to integrate such a project into this challenging Andover site.

Board members expressed the following concerns:

- The wood siding material used in the connector seemed less appropriate and a bit out of place.
- The evenly aligned parapet height at the connector was purely functional, and not visually attractive.
- The pedestrian stair access to the landscaped courtyard along Buxton Court was narrow and less inviting for the neighborhood.
- The base condition of the white clad building along Buxton Court was not clearly defined and was somewhat hidden by landscape in the rendering.
- The proposed brick sample for the exterior cladding of the main building appeared to be more brown in color, less reminiscent of the typical New England red brick color.

Each one of these concerns were addressed in the design modifications we reviewed at the February 28th DRB meeting. Without hesitation, all of the board members enthusiastically endorsed all of these changes voting unanimously (4 - 0); with one DRB member not present, Mr. Eric Daum.

All related project signage once developed will be reviewed by the DRB at a later date.

Respectfully,

Paul Maue, Chairman  
Design Review Board