

## Jane Rasely

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**To:** Jane Rasely  
**Subject:** FW: CUP for the Winslow Hotel

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**To:** Heather Wright <hwright@bainbridgewa.gov>  
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**Subject:** CUP for the Winslow Hotel

Dear Heather,

We have just read with care the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the CUP for the Winslow Hotel. We are very impressed with the careful consideration that they gave to this hotel and how it fits with various elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Their detailed analysis made clear to us that this hotel does not fit the vision of the uses that we, as a community, have agreed we want for our downtown area.

It is nearly six times larger than what the municipal code permits for this area; it contradicts our goal of serving local residents and reducing car use; the added noise and traffic very likely damages the livability of the neighborhood for residents, when our Comprehensive Plan says we want to encourage residences in the downtown area. And it puts significant added pressure on our water system, which in light of global warming trends, may turn out to be our island's greatest point of vulnerability. The traffic study that was done on behalf of the developers appeared to be inadequate in many ways, including possibly not recognizing the effect of the event space in generating additional traffic.

As you consider your own recommendation regarding the CUP, we hope you will take all of these considerations well into account. Our citizens spend a lot of their volunteer time in creating a Comprehensive Plan and in serving on the Planning Commission. We think

the vision of these volunteer bodies should be taken very seriously in making your recommendation.

We are hoping you will recommend a denial of the CUP for this project given that it violates so many of the stated goals of the Comprehensive Plan and is not within the permitted uses in the Municipal Code.

We would personally love to see a 15-room inn constructed in that area. We think that would serve us all well. That's what the Municipal Code permits. We don't see any reason the city should make an exception to the Code for this out-sized project.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

David and Fran Korten

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