

From: Sally Dunbar and 10 other
residents of Finch Place
apartments

To: Hearing Examiner Clerk:
Windsor Hotel

City of Bainbridge Island

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Planning and
Community Development

POINT 14: noise

:The Planning and Community Development director has recommended the hotel use a kiosk to inform neighbors of upcoming events- weddings, for example. Venues that book weddings book as many as possible during summer months. This would mean out-of-town guests would be entertained outside with champagne and live music in what is essentially the "back-yards" of about 400 island neighbors, 200 of whom are senior citizens. Seriously? This isn't a realistic proposal. WE LIVE HERE. **FURTHER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE HOTEL IS BUILT TO MAKE REPORTS AND TRACK COMPLAINTS. WELL, WE ARE COMPLAINING NOW! IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNREASONABLE TO ALLOW A HOTEL WITH A WEDDING VENUE TO BE BUILT IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.**

POINTS 15,16,&17: wall : a 6' high wall to block light and noise is ridiculous. Commercial garbage/recycle pick-ups are noisy and frequent .(2-3 times a week for a residence housing 29 people). This doesn't take into account deliveries at all hours. We don't need more noise and a 6' wall won't adequately block it. The lighting for outdoor areas will be about the height of the second stories of the condos to the west. That's bedroom window height. **THIS IS ENTIRELY TOO INVASIVE AND A 6' WALL IS NOT A REASONABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF LIGHT AND NOISE. A HOTEL DOES NOT BELONG AT THIS LOCATION.**

POINT 18: trees on site

A single Giant Sequoia will be saved. That means that 16 or 17 trees will not be saved. They will be removed with the nesting birds. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE EITHER.**

THE RESIDENTS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE CONTINUED TO FIGHT THIS OVERSIZED PROJECT DUE TO SIZE, PARKING, TRAFFIC AND NOISE PROBLEMS. WE'VE BEEN MET WITH TOTAL DISRESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. IN FACT, THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO GROW THE PROJECT EVEN LARGER. WE VOTE AND PAY TAXES THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE. THERE IS SOMETHING VERY WRONG WITH OUR ZONING LAWS WHEN THE WELL BEING OF 400 CITIZENS IN ONE CITY BLOCK ARE DISMISSED IN FAVOR OF AN INTRUSIVE PROJECT LIKE THIS HOTEL. IT BELONGS IN ANOTHER AREA OF THE ISLAND WHERE PEOPLE WON'T BE DISTURBED TO THIS EXTENT. WE ASK THAT THE PROVISIONAL USE PERMIT BE DENIED.

SINCERELY,

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO MITIGATIONS AND ENTIRE HOTEL PROJECT

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The Director of Planning has determined that an 87 room hotel with meeting rooms and outdoor event space with a band shell will have no impact on our residential neighborhood. The neighbors in our block live in condos, senior group housing and private homes surrounding this property and we strongly disagree with her. Three pages of mitigating measures to be taken by the developers will supposedly solve all the problems re: traffic noise and light. **AGAIN, WE STRONGLY DISAGREE.**

TRAFFIC POINT 4: new crosswalk

A third crosswalk on Winslow Way West between Wood Ave. and Finch Place leads to only a private parking lot. The crossing at Finch Place at least leads to Winslow Green and the shops and restaurant located there. Another crosswalk so close to the other two would just add more stop and go traffic, not help it. **A THIRD CROSSWALK IS NOT NEEDED.**

TRAFFIC POINT 5: Repaving the road from Wood Ave. to Madison on Winslow Way. Of course this road should be repaved because the constant heavy traffic has created so many pot holes (6-10) that they now run together. The same is true on Wyatt Way heading east up to the stop sign at Grow Ave. Here many people turn right onto Grow and then to Winslow Way and on to the ferry or shopping.

MERELY REPAIRING THESE STREETS WILL NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT THESE ALREADY HEAVILY TRAVELED ROUTES WILL NOT BE MADE BETTER BY EVEN MORE TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE HOTEL.

POINTS 7&8: bicycles. While the bicycle idea is interesting, I can't imagine either conference goers or wedding guests using them as alternate transportation. They will come by car. It's just common sense that when you add a sizeable event with people new to the island, there will be more traffic problems than already exist.

POINT 11: impact studies

Impact studies made after the hotel is built are not an acceptable solution. There must be a computer model that shows current use and projected extra hotel traffic. BEFORE THE HOTEL IS BUILT. It doesn't make sense to do studies when it would be too late to be helpful. **WE KNOW THAT TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WILL ARISE AND SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TOO-BIG PROJECT TO BE BUILT IN THIS RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.**