

## Jane Rasely

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:32 PM  
**To:** Jane Rasely  
**Subject:** FW: Hotel on Winslow Way

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**From:** Peter Culicover <pculicover@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Heather Wright <hwright@bainbridgewa.gov>  
**Cc:** Diane Oye <diane.oye@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Hotel on Winslow Way

Dear Ms. Wright,

We just read the report on the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the proposed hotel on Winslow Way. We agree with many of the comments of other residents supporting the Commission's denial of the application. We feel that Bainbridge Island and Winslow proper are very special, and we do not see what the advantages are to building such an out-of-scale project. Since others have said it so well, we will just repeat their sentiments:

"[We] moved to BI for its natural beauty, the unique smalltown feel, and friendly residents. We live within walking distance of downtown Winslow and LOVE our new home of BI. We feel so lucky every day to live here! We have had the good fortune to travel extensively, and haven't found anything like Bainbridge Island. We are already working to integrate ourselves into useful members of the community, and feel like we've found our "forever home." An 80-something room hotel in downtown Winslow, or indeed anywhere on the Island, would feel like the beginning of the end for our town. The streets are already horribly congested during summer months due to weekend tourists, and the amenities of our small town are already feeling overrun. There are also the environmental impacts of so much more foot traffic, cars/ exhaust fumes in our DT core, not to mention the fact that a developmental project like this would open the door to similar projects, which would totally wreck all of the things that (still) make BI a unique place. Please, let's be strong in the face of the pressures of development and maintain what so many Bainbridgers love about this place. If we want to be a better, more desirable and more healthy environment than other Seattle-area environs, then we must make decisions that support our vision. [We] sincerely hope that you deny plans for the hotel, and thus curtail the forces that would irrevocably damage this place we all love."

Sincerely yours,

Peter Culicover  
Diane Oye