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Dear Ms. Tayara:

Please accept this correspondence as my comment on the **Wallace Cottage HDDP PLN50589 SUB** project that has been proposed by Central Highlands Inc. My household is of the position that the designated property would be more appropriately used for the development of a recreational natural space.

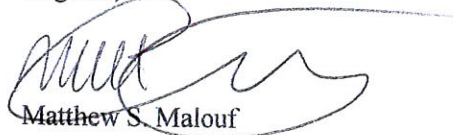
The Winslow-area is the primary location of multifamily housing on Bainbridge Island at the expense of single-family homes and parks, which are concentrated on the north and south ends of the Island. This imbalance means that Winslow-area residents experience a disproportionate amount of community transience. In addition to this community transience, Winslow-area residents would also experience increased crowding, parking difficulties, automobile traffic, and reduced proximity to open natural environments if this greenspace were to be developed.

Rejecting development of this greenspace in favor of a recreational park would be a more equitable use of this land. A birds-eye view of the proposed area shows that this large greenspace is one of the few remaining in the area. A park would better preserve the natural environment in downtown Winslow while ensuring that Winslow-area residents have access to the sort of park facilities that North and South Island residents have.

I appreciate all the work that City of Bainbridge Island employees do and believe you all do an excellent job managing and maintaining the Bainbridge Island. I hope that you can use your position at an Associate Planner to propose an alternative plan for this area that better preserves the limited natural space for Winslow-area residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding my position, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Regards,


Matthew S. Malouf

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