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Subject: FW: Affordable Housing - Public Comment
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Hello Jane,
Would you please make sure the PC receives this public comment?
Thank you!
Heather

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Please see public comment below.

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Dear Planning Commissioners and City Counselors,

I would like to comment on the affordable housing community which is planned for the Visconsi site on High School Road. An active lumberyard existed when the project was designed, and a "pedestrian friendly" community was planned along the entrance road to the busy commercial site. Public comment brought attention to the inherent public safety risks, but the project was built.

At this time, the same problem exists. The lumberyard is actively used by contractors and homeowners on the island and a number of cars, trucks, vans and commercial flatbed vehicles drive through the development each day. In addition, large tractor-trailers (single and double) routinely run through the development to deliver materials. All this heavy traffic runs directly through the heart of the "pedestrian friendly" community which is being planned for Wintergreen Lane. My question for the City and Planning Commission is "Why concentrate pedestrian traffic with dense affordable housing, in a location that is directly in the path of heavy commercial vehicles?"

The promotional video presented for the Wintergreen project shows young families with babies in strollers, adults on bicycles and small slow-moving cars in an idyllic scene. The developers hope you won't notice what wasn't included, which is the reality that heavy commercial traffic currently flows through Wintergreen Lane. It won't stop when the new residential community is built, it will just expose many more young families to a difficult reality.

The project being proposed is a bit different than other locations around the island. In Winslow, shoppers expect to cross the main street carefully with cars present. In the Wintergreen project, a residential community is being proposed where large commercial vehicles run through the middle of the neighborhood. Will young children at play understand the risks in the same way that adult shoppers in downtown Winslow do?

If the lumberyard access road can be relocated, the Visconsi site would be an ideal location for affordable housing. If the access road remains in its current location, the site does not seem compatible with dense residential development.

Thank you,

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