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City of Bainbridge Island: A small, quiet neighborhood hotel for people visiting the island, might be a beneficial addition to the neighborhood.

The plan for this facility, however, seems to be for an event center for weddings with facilities for parties with amplified music and indoor/outdoor banquets. If the project succeeds as presented, it would create a major noise and parking issue for the neighborhood while contributing nothing of evident benefit to local businesses.

Note that the estimate for parking relates only to accommodating guests at the hotel. Presumably most of the wedding guests will be coming only for the wedding and thus will require parking well beyond that allocated for overnight guests.

If there is any need for a specialized wedding facility on Bainbridge Island, it would best be located in a relatively isolated area with ample parking, not in the middle of a high density residential neighborhood with limited parking and for which the music will be a constant source of disruption, annoyance, and conflict.

The city would actually be doing the people financing this proposed project a favor by not approving it as it is very unlikely to be a business success. There is little in the proposed location to make it especially attractive as a wedding venue for people from far enough out of town to need overnight accommodation. On the other side of that equation, people looking for pleasant overnight accommodation on Bainbridge Island are not going to be attracted by a facility that lacks adequate parking and is hosting noisy parties.

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