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I have lived on Bainbridge Island since 1978 and I've seen a lot of change over these past 43 years. We need affordable housing, and the Wintergreen Townhomes Project is the perfect place for it. This is a commercial area and will not impact single family residential properties (the nearest has its own entrance and really can't complain since they also chose to live in compact quarters by a busy intersection).

Why object to a reduction in the buffer? Is it to protect the residents? It is their choice and I strongly suspect they would love to live there close to amenities and schools in exchange for lower rent or home ownership on Bainbridge Island. Is it to allow a more bucolic view for motorists traveling through Bainbridge Island? Come on - this is right at a busy intersection with a fast-food joint steps away! Is it because of increased traffic? Of course not - more large retail or services buildings in that area would generate much more traffic over a day than residents going to or from their homes. Is it because of some kind of improper "process"? Are you really going to let blind adherence to cryptic language stand in the way of much needed affordable housing? Shame on you.

This sounds more like an objection to growth in general - "pull up the ladder now that I'm here" kind of stuff. Well, you all are here, right? And how many of you would be here if I and other BI residents pulled up the ladder 43 years ago? The Island has crafted detailed criteria for adding new residents under growth management plans created over many decades, and this project complies with all of those. Time to approve the Wintergreen Townhomes Project and move on.

Sincerely,

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