

City of Bainbridge Island
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RE: Winslow Hotel
PLN 50880 SPR
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Comments and concerns on the Winslow Hotel proposal
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Water resources

My major concern about this project is the huge demand for water for a 75 room hotel with a spa, meeting spaces and restaurant. This drain on resources ultimately falls on Bainbridge taxpayers. With all the requirements on homeowners for "recharging aquifers", we have a proposal that will suck up major amounts of water for laundry, dishes, showers and spa for mostly tourists. I see this as a major conflict in City policy.

Parking

Parking is another major impact. We all know parking is an issue anytime now in Winslow. The City needs to require adequate parking for 75 rooms and the restaurant, spa and employee spaces. Core Winslow has no spare parking and adding more (parking garage) elsewhere would again fall to the taxpayers not these developers.

Noise

The hotel will have an amphitheater (?) in an old and sedate neighborhood that includes senior housing. Even if events are indoors the coming and going is always noisy. Living near Lynwood I know the impact of event noise and parking.

Purpose

Do we need a destination hotel in Winslow? If so why, not on a sustainable scale? Winslow Hotel is certainly not a "boutique" hotel and certain not "Bainbridge". Who would want to hold a event in an enclosed space in town with inadequate parking?

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