

## Ann Hillier

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**From:** Globe@zipcon.com <globe@zipcon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Ann Hillier  
**Subject:** Concerning reasonable use Var for lots #5. #6 Soundview Dr N E Hearing June 28th at 1pm.

Dear Ann Hillier

I am not able to get time off from my job to attend this important hearing. My comments are below. I hope the Var. Can be deferred and or modified. I know we all can work something out agreeable to everyone. I feel the Var as presented is to extreme and does not follow closely the vision the City of Bainbridge presented in its goals in our Design Guidelines to Fort Ward.

Please include my comments at the hearing and keep me informed.

Thank you

Carolyn Siscoe

I am requesting that two variances not be granted. I believe that they should be deferred for more study. It is too serious a precedent to be lightly given;. building on wetlands, not following the practiced guidelines set forth in the "Design Guide to Fort Ward " The wetlands are teeming with endangered wildlife. We have deer, owls, eagles, crows, songbirds, Robins, hummingbirds, sparrows squirrels, chipmunks and coyotes. Plus there is a huge colony of frogs living on the two lots #5 and # 6. Every spring we hear their croaking way into the night we are probably the last place ever to host such a colony of frogs. They are an endangered species.

I was told that wildlife is never considered with critical areas and that doesn't make sense to me they are part of the critical area. Bainbridge is changing in its attitudes towards its wildlife. We have identified it as something to protect. It represents value to Islanders. It is great for the kids in Fort Ward to hear the frogs croaking, see the deer and observe all the birds going about their lives.

The planning dept is asking that wildlife corridors be maintained when developments are built that wasn't even thought about being done here. And it should be.

I looked into the history of these hearings and for the most part the juries consist of lawyers. Lawyers are great when you want the letter of the law but they do not deal with human side of building communities because they don't consider how people feel what is comfort zone, how buildings relate to one another to make people feel. The latter is about community building. Building homes to create a community where people feel good living. For that you would include architects, gardeners, wildlife experts, city planners to weigh in and the city doesn't do that.

Also again why is the city ignoring the Design Guidelines for Fort Ward in this variance granting. So much work into that document. And it was followed with great results. A comfortable lovely community was built but alone come someone who doesn't want to follow that wants to build two large two story house on to small lots which are so damaged, lots in that are wetlands buffer and are teeming with life which will be erased.

Also these two large two houses will loom over the current resident across the street since will not have to be set back like everyone else is. They are not willing to compromise to be part of a community. I don't understand why new buildings must come and do not have to fit into what is existing. That is not good community development.

I would like for variance not be granted. Or deferred and smaller homes, less intrusive with larger setbacks. After all this builder is coming into an established community and should be acknowledging that fact. And reconsider the effects of establishing a precedent of allowing someone to build on critical wetland /buffer.

Thank you for your attention

Carolyn Siscoe!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

