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To city planners:

I am responding to the sign on my street, Agate Point Rd, that announces "The Arbor Fund" is seeking approval for opening an additional gate to Bloedel to be located on Agate Point Rd.

The proposed gate is situated just past a curve on a hill where bicyclists, cars and trucks entering the neighborhood often go a bit too fast (probably not anticipating the downhill and drop in elevation, no doubt), as they travel north.

In addition, drivers who are tourists often appear confused as they exit Bloedel, seeming to not be clear whether to head southwest or north.

I predict a biking, and possibly, pedestrian, hazard if the current plan to add an exit or entrance on Agate Point proceeds.

It's ironic that "The Arbor Fund" has attempted to maximize car traffic to our beautiful and generally serene neighborhood. Why did they not propose a bicycle or shuttle bus solution to the increased tourist traffic? That may have been more consistent with the "Arbor" in the name---just saying.

I was disappointed, too, to see an ugly shopping mall type of asphalt parking lot go in and replace the "green " concept of the old parking area at Bloedel that has a better aesthetic and seems more environmentally friendly.

My positive contribution to the current discussion is to suggest limited use of a gate on Agate Point to allow egress from the new eyesore parking lot only after special events, such as concerts and theater at Bloedel. And, put a cap on the number of tour busses allowed at any one time.

Or, even better, widen the main gate and have one gate only.

As a donor, I believe a better use of Bloedel funds would have been to help pay for a biking and pedestrian path from the Rotary Park across from Agatewood and improve Kitsap Transit shuttle bus service and sites from there do Day Road, as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sent from my iPad