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Dear neighbors,

I'm writing to submit a few comments to be considered for the upcoming Messenger House Phase 2 / SEPA Hearing. I have communicated some of these comments in other forums, but I am taking this opportunity to ensure that everyone has the same information. I'm a relatively new resident here on Bainbridge Island, but I have been made to feel welcome by my neighbors and I already feel a sense of stewardship towards my small part of this unique place.

I am eager to see the Messenger House property return to a sustainable use for our senior citizens rather than its current vacant state. I believe that having memory care and assisted living residents in the neighborhood provides a kind of diversity that is vital to maintaining a rich neighborhood community. I am concerned, however, with several aspects of the current development plans.

To summarize, my main concerns are:

- **Non-compliance with the 1995 Conditional Use Permit** — The proposed construction significantly exceeds the scope of the 1995 permit.
- **No rights to fire lane** — Messenger House proposes to use my private property as a fire lane without my permission.
- **A poorly-located pedestrian path** — An oddly-located pedestrian path has a large impact to adjacent properties (there's an easy solution, though!)
- **Construction noise**
- **Lack of buffer between properties** — We have an idea to make a more sustainable buffer between the commercial property and the neighborhood

Please read my full comments in the attached PDF for details on these concerns.

Regards,

Michael Coleman