

October 27, 2016

To: Bainbridge Is. Department of Planning and Community Development

RE: Madrona School CUP Application, 11478 Madison Avenue North on Bainbridge Island

These are my comments regarding the Madrona school's application for a Conditional Use Permit at 11478 Madison Avenue North on Bainbridge Island. My family lives at the SE corner of Valley Road and Madison Avenue, very close to the proposed site.

I first want to say that my comments aren't intended to reflect poorly on the Madrona School in any way, but just that their proposed use is very likely to create significant adverse environmental impact, particularly to traffic. For that reason I believe the CUP application should be denied.

The proposed Madrona School would adversely impact to nearby roads due to a significant number of vehicles dropping of students in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. The traffic study done for the proposed school did not include impacts to the intersection of North Madison, SR 305, and Sportsman Club Road. Apparently additional study, to include the North Madison, SR 305, and Sportsman Club Road intersection will be conducted. Here is what I was told by Planning Director Christensen in an email on 10/20:

Staff have followed up with the consultant to add the analysis of this intersection. The impacts will be measured for the AM peak hour traffic. The school is not in session during the PM peak. It has been shown in the island wide transportation study, and studies completed by WSDOT indicate that the traffic on 305 and associated intersections reached its worst delays during the PM peak hours. While there will be added traffic due to the school, the impacts at the intersection of 305 are unlikely to be significant. Nonetheless, a traffic study will be required.

In fact, the worst traffic at the East side of the intersection, North Madison, SR 305, and Sportsman Club Road, occurs in the AM hours, NOT the PM hours. Everyone who lives in this neighborhood and drives anywhere in the morning is very aware of this fact. Here is a summary of traffic that would be added to the afore mentioned intersection, taken from the April 14, 2016 Traffic Study by Transportation Systems, Table 2: Trip Generation, and Table 3: Peak Hour Trip Distribution:

Total trips generated between 8:00AM-9:00PM= 313 (North AND South)
Total trips generated between 8:30AM-9:30PM = 180 (North AND South)
Peak PM hour trip distribution (none provided for peak AM) = 65%

The table taken together indicate the following approximate trips added to the Madison Avenue side of the intersection with SR 305 and Sportsman Club Road:

Total vehicles added between 8:00AM-9:00PM= 203
Total vehicles added between 8:30AM-9:30PM = 117

Considering that the additional traffic analysis to include the North Madison, SR 305, and Sportsman Club Road intersection has not been made available, yet, I request that the SEPA comment period be extended to allow citizens to see the results.

Sincerely,
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