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Subject: Comments RE: Wallace Cottages

Hello,

We're writing about the proposed development project for Wallace Cottages.

We live near the proposed building site and recently learned that the project will be built over quite a bit of existing green space and will take down several existing trees. Because:

- (A) Green spaces such as these provide shelter and food for a variety of species including birds and deer (as we have personally witnessed at Wallace & Madison), and
- (B) Studies have shown that green spaces in cities greatly improve human health and well-being, improving air quality and reducing stress, and
- (C) The proposed project will add an estimated 181 car trips per day, adding more carbon emissions *after* the trees that would have helped sequester that carbon have already been removed,

We respectfully propose that the City of Bainbridge Island consider the long-term environmental and health impacts of these developments, and take an action such as the following:

- (A) Suspend moving forward with the project until the developers have agreed to offset the impact of the projected additional carbon emissions by allowing enough trees to remain to sequester the additional carbon, or
- (B) Rezone the area currently covered with trees into a park area to reserve as a green space for future generations, and allow the developers to restructure their building plans to fit within the new residential area.

We're sure there are other options as well, and while we understand the need for affordable housing on Bainbridge Island, we don't think it should come at the expense of the green spaces that humans and other creatures have evolved to thrive in. Keeping in mind the Bainbridge we want to see 20+ years in the future, we hope that those who build here and live here will respect and appreciate the land and its inhabitants.

Sincerely,

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