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Subject: Concerns about Bainbridge Hotel

I and many fellow islanders have serious concerns about the magnitude of this development and its impact on this small (somewhat rural) community. A bias towards development at the expense of residents of this beautiful island may wreck what we love about it. It could disadvantage the thousands who already live and work here in favor of a single developer who may only own this business for a short time span. The impact of this development is far reaching. Will it eventually sit empty as the old Virginia Mason Clinic does if this developer cannot fill rooms? If this facility IS filled to capacity, will Winslow still be a place where any residents want to spend time? Tourism can be boom and bust. Do we want to permanently wreck our island community for a potentially fickle industry?

Other hotels already exist on this island. Are they consistently full? We need to consider how this development would impact existing hotel businesses and the many local property owners who are only able to afford to pay their mortgages through renting ADU's on their property.

This proposed area is a neighborhood where there are many residences. Noise and traffic will impact them significantly.

There are few routes to the south end of the island. This is a bottleneck point already and would make it far worse, during construction and forever. There is no way to widen the road to work around this problem. The entry, as proposed, would require a left turn across traffic when coming from the ferry and lead to back ups. Ferry related traffic can cause extreme congestion on an hourly basis and makes the situation even worse. That traffic continues to grow. A large number of residents live in rural settings outside Winslow and must travel extended distances to obtain groceries and basic supplies, making driving a necessity for most of them and this would affect an already dire parking and congestion problem in the downtown core. There is no reliable shuttle to offer an alternative to driving for many errands, particularly those that require hauling supplies. The magnitude of visitors to BI has already made downtown difficult to navigate during summer weekends. Will Winslow still be a place where any residents want to do their shopping, or will these year-round customers find alternatives that starve local businesses during the non-tourist season.

A large number of other issues need to be considered:

Noise: Truck delivery, garbage pick up where residents (many elderly and young children) are sleeping

Environmental Impact: water supply (our water table is already under threat and I don't believe this is fully addressed) and garbage disposal (where would the waste from this facility go? Hotels are notoriously wasteful.)

There are so many potential problems with this development, it is impossible to conceive of them all during a short comment/discussion/planning period. I urge you to allow more time for public comment to address the large number of concerns this raises among so many islanders, some who I've discovered are still unaware of this proposed development.

Thank you for your careful consideration for the benefit of all of Bainbridge Island.

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Cheers,

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