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Planning Department  
City Hall  
280 Madison Ave N  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110



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To the Planning Department:

This letter is in response to the proposed 3-story Winslow Hotel, designed by Cutler/Anderson for Winslow Way and Finch.

The planned insertion of this building with 75 rooms into Bainbridge Island's fragile downtown area seems fraught with negative implications for the surrounding neighborhoods. The underground parking is not even designed to accommodate the building's capacity, meaning the surrounding streets will have to absorb the overflow. How can this be possible when Winslow Way already has parking problems even in winter, let alone in the warm months, even without a downtown hotel?

We live on Grow Ave, which is trying to enforce a 20mph speed limit. The addition of delivery trucks, customers, garbage trucks etc., will bring further congestion, noise and speed to this neighborhood road already problematically used as a main artery.

An outdoor amphitheater is part of the hotel's plan. How can the noise of such a venue be mitigated for neighbors? This island has wooded areas out of the main core much more suited for such use.

Please consider the quality of life of the nearby residents in single-family homes and senior residential facilities as well as small businesses nearby. It is not appropriate to build a large, multi-level facility in this dense neighborhood. Help keep the current balance of traffic on Winslow Way. We trust you are planners for the cohesion of neighborhoods, not just for 'economic growth' that may come at a huge cost to other measures of island quality of life. Will the greater good benefit from the building of this hotel? We think not.

Sincerely,

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