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**From:** Zaba <zabadeba@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** PCD  
**Subject:** Concerns with proposed Winslow Way hotel

Bainbridge planning board;

I have spent time reviewing the plans for the proposed development of a hotel on Winslow Way and have some very serious concerns and reservations on the plan. I now see the proposed property has grown in scope and impact, which is even more concerning to me, and why I am choosing now to share my concerns.

I have reviewed the parking studies and how they "might support" the hotel, but these studies do not include any information or impact assessment on the already challenged parking for visitors to downtown Winslow. The already very limited spaces available on Winslow Way that stretch from the gazebo on Madison Ave. to Grow Ave. (and even Lowell Ave.) can not accommodate the current visitors to town, and also create a traffic flow backlog and congestion problem today. This proposal will only make it worse with ZERO attempt to provide relief or even acknowledge the problem.

I have not seen a impact assessment or plan for the "traffic" that will increase on Winslow Way, and the resulting safety impacts. Ferry riders who chose to walk and bike from the Ferry use Grow Ave to Winslow Way as a MAJOR traffic pattern. They have opted for this pattern based on congestion problems that are present already at the Wyatt Ave and Madison Ave intersection. Additionally students walk to and from the schools on Madison Ave and cross Winslow Way, and the increased traffic heading to and from the proposed hotel will only increase the risk both the students and the commuters have today on their routes.

The traffic increase in general is a "congestion" accident waiting to happen every day, with an strong chance for a "serious congestion problem" being present every time the hotel had a "special event" (using their term). This congestion will result in stop and go traffic that inches along and removes the quaintness and small town feel that attracts the very tourists to island the proposed hotel will provide for (let alone the additional delivery vehicles,) thus the developers are only harming themselves at this location

I do support adding another hotel to the island, but the current proposed Winslow Way is not the right spot for such a LARGE facility that will create LARGER problems for the community. The proposal is NOT for a "Bed and Breakfast" it is for a LARGE facility

Lastly, I would challenge the board to consider creating a "hotel district" or "area" similar to other cities, where the hotels can be supported properly with the necessary infrastructure.

Thank you for the time in reading my concerns and input, and I am counting on and asking you to do the right thing for long term quality of life on Bainbridge Island and help the developers find an alternative location away from downtown Winslow

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