

Re: Winslow Hotel
Project # PLN50880
Conditional Use Permit Application

Bainbridge Island Planning Department

Dear Ms. Sontag:

In response to the Notice of Application/SEPA Comment Period we are now writing to express our concern that due to the increased guest capacity and convention center nature of the proposed Winslow Hotel that it belongs in the High School Road Districts I & II where hotels are a permitted use and not in the Central Core where accommodation facilities are limited to inns and bed & breakfast establishments. These latter permitted uses are compatible with the adjacent residential neighborhood and conform with the Comprehensive Plan guiding principle of preserving downtown Winslow's small town atmosphere and special character.

Variations from permitted uses should be carefully limited inasmuch as current residents have justifiably relied on the Comprehensive Plan and accompanying zoning regulations. A large convention hotel is not similar to an inn (e.g., the Eagle Harbor Inn) and not compatible with existing permitted uses in the surrounding West Winslow Way neighborhood.

The applicant has taken the financial risk of securing a conditional use permit in the Central Core and has the burden of showing why such a conditional use permit should be issued when on its face the application/proposed use clearly does not conform to the Comprehensive Plan/Central Core objectives.

Thank you,

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