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Cc: 'Brock Euper'
Subject: Oceanwood development
Attachments: Oceanwood Jan 28 2024.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached letter with our comments about the proposed development.

Kind regards,

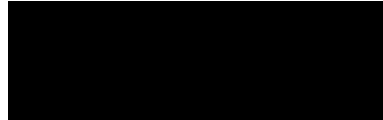
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To: Mayne Island Local Trust Committee

To whom it may concern:

Re: Oceanwood development

Our family owns a property on Mayne Island and we are writing to express our concerns about the proposed development.

The magic of Mayne Island and of all the Gulf Islands is their West Coast natural beauty with safe rural environments. They are Canada's most beautiful places. As nearby urban areas densify there will be increased pressure on the Gulf Islands as an escape from city life. I urge you to consider the importance of retaining peace, tranquility, forests, ocean vistas, water, birds and other wildlife.

This development which increases the total units from 10 to 20, negatively impacts the natural environment of the site and its surroundings. It increases the development footprint and roadways, removes trees, bird and wildlife habitat, reduces precious water resources, and increases noise and light pollution.

The development will stress the limited water resources in a water district that already experiences water shortages, that rations water, and that brings water in by truck when needed. Climate change will result in more severe water shortages as it is predicted that summers will become drier and hotter.

Mayne Island has an extreme fire hazard in the summer months. This risk increases with a growth in visitor numbers as visitors are not aware of the extreme risk. Also, the wildfire risk will increase with climate change.

New visitors produce more traffic and noise and place a greater burden on an already overstretched ferry service.

We ask that you consider everything beautiful that Mayne Island offers its residents, weekenders, and visitors. It is always easy to build more, it is much more difficult to build smaller and protect that which we can never replace and which makes Mayne Island one of Canada's most beautiful places.

Yours truly,

Veronica and Robert Euper

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