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Subject: Land Use Bylaw

LUB setbacks

Please submit this letter if possible today Jan, 20th or if it's too late the meeting on Jan, 27th with trustee Falck

South Pender Island as many rural communities in the islands of the islands trust are under pressure to expand. As residents of this beautiful serene community we must protect the very reasons why we initially moved here. If we wanted an urban setting we would have lived in Victoria, Vancouver or Toronto but instead we chose South Pender. We must resist the expansion mentality that will inevitably strip this island of its natural beauty and resources . Finding a balance between having a healthy robust community surrounded by natural beauty can be challenging . This is why the existing OCP is important, especially "to ensure land use, development and associated servicing are compatible with the rural island character and that their growth is gradual and sustainable"

We believe the minimum 50 ft set back for the buildings from the natural boundary of the sea is an improvement on the former 25 ft. and acknowledge the wisdom of this decision with respect to environmental impacts on sensitive ecosystems, global warming & rising sea levels.

We believe the present minimum setback of dwellings from the side lot lines of 20 ft is necessary to preserve privacy and tranquility.

We strongly support the current LUB setback provisions and urge the trustees to retain the 50ft. setback in subsection 3.3(3) and the 20 ft. setback in 5.1(8)

Dr. Mark G.Wensley and Dorset Norwich Sfca. Afc.