

June 6, 2026

Chair and Trustees
Denman Island Local Trust Committee
Islands Trust

Re: 3Ravens Proposal

Dear Chair and Trustees:

I am opposed to the 3Ravens proposal at its proposed location.

My opposition is not based on any objection to affordable housing. Denman Island faces real housing challenges, and I support efforts to address them. My concern is that this proposal would introduce a level of densification and change that is incompatible with the expectations of those who have chosen to live in this area and is opposed by many of the neighbours who will be most directly affected.

I have read the letters from neighbouring property owners who oppose this application. They have articulated their concerns clearly and thoughtfully, and I understand and appreciate those concerns. I do not intend to repeat the points they have already made, except to note that many of them resonate strongly with me and have reinforced my own reservations about this proposal.

The sincerity and depth of feeling reflected in those letters make it clear that this proposal is having a profound impact on some of the residents who will be most directly affected by it.

Many residents in this part of Denman Island chose to build and maintain their homes in reliance on long-standing planning principles intended to preserve and protect the rural, quiet, and relatively remote character of the area. It would be unfair to those residents to fundamentally alter those expectations through approval of a proposal that would bring such substantial change and uncertainty to their immediate neighbourhood.

If innovative housing models are to be considered on Denman Island, they should, at a minimum, demonstrate substantial support from the immediate neighbours and residents most likely to be affected. In this case, that support does not appear to exist.

I cannot see how improving our community can begin by causing immense distress to one's immediate neighbours. A project that seeks to strengthen community should be capable of earning the confidence and support of those who live closest to it and who will be most affected by it.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Yours truly,

Keith Clark