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To: northinfo
Subject: Fwd: Letter of objection regarding - Short Term Vacation Rental application for 376 Tinson Point (Re GB-TUP-2023.4)

Over to Staff,

Thank you,

Susan

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From: isabella uzaraga [REDACTED]
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Dear Trustees,

I am writing to state on record my strong objection regarding the Short Term Vacation Rental application for 376 Tinson Point (Re GB-TUP-2021).

Please regard this letter as a request this application be refused for these reasons:

1. The application is inconsistent with historical settler land and cultural relationship with the First Nations and does not consider nor acknowledge the ongoing process, education and dialogue as we continue to live and develop on traditional unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

2. The application is inconsistent with the Island Trusts affordable Housing policy and plans and adds to the extreme commercialization of our limited housing capacity on this island. On this basis, I am concerned this application has been recommended by Islands Trust staff. I would appreciate knowing why a planner would recommend this in this first place and what policies are informing these decisions.

3. The application is detrimental to Gabriola Island's affordable housing capacity, adds to escalating prices that prevent young families buying houses, as well as accessing long term rentals.

4. We are mostly full time citizens living on this peninsula and concerned about escalating noise and safety disruptions, potential disregard and damage to walking trails and sensitive coastal ecology. I live nearby and respect the community ethos of care, caution and responsibility to all our neighbours on this peninsular. No long term resident, no matter their challenges and income, have made to my knowledge, such an application before. Potential impact on this neighbourhood and its ecology is critical.

Please note that the second objective of TUP's is "to ensure that the integrity of an existing neighbourhood would not be adversely disrupted should an application for a temporary commercial or industrial users permit be approved." I am not aware of any consultation that has happened in this neighbourhood regarding impact to neighbours or the land and coastal ecological sensitivities.

5. I am concerned the current video launched by the applicants may be prematurely and falsely advertising their rental capacity and potentially disregards due and legal process.

6. This application I understand will be one of many more. We are already under siege of exponential development not in accord with this island's true housing needs. I sincerely hope and support the Islands Trust recommend a moratorium on all TUP's until policy and a renewed official community plan can better advise and protect.

Thank you for your consideration and all your work.

Best regards,

Isabella Uzaraga, Patrick O'Reilly, 

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