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Subject: Temporary Use Permit (TUP) Application for a Short Term Rental at 868 Chichester Rd, Gabriola

We are the owners of [REDACTED] Berry Point Road and are neighbours of 868 Chichester Road West, Gabriola which is currently going through the TUP process.

We oppose the application for a TUP and our reasons for this are as follows:

1. The applicant's property has a large, high ocean-facing deck with a gas fireplace that directly overlooks our property. There have been occasions when large groups of people have partied late into the night and the sound of voices and music have been clearly audible from our front deck. We did not raise this as an issue because we realize that as property owners, you are allowed to make some noise, sometimes. However after reviewing social media pages we discovered that they were renting out the property as "Statler House" and running a short-term rental business on the property. We also found commercial rental listings for a "Statler House" on rent-by-owner websites. We realized then that the noise was probably caused by the renters and not by the owners and we are therefore not prepared to accept excessive noise caused by a business next to us as the norm.
2. Although the applicant has given us assurances that they will take every measure to ensure that their renters do not disturb the neighbours, we know that it is impossible to really restrain or control people who rent a large beautiful property such as theirs, who pay good money for the pleasure and who just want to relax and have fun. They have a large deck with an ocean view and we think it is unrealistic to expect their renters to keep the noise down when enjoying a few drinks on the deck.
3. We did not move to a rural location on an island to have a 5 bedroom plus den vacation rental business right next to us.
4. The applicant has recently listed the property for sale. Our concern here is that if the property is sold, we do not know to what extent any new owner will show

consideration for any of their neighbours and whether the noise situation will worsen. In addition, the sales listing raises three questions for us - Why is the owner applying for a TUP when they are selling the property ? Is the TUP assigned to an individual or to the property ? If it is assigned to the property, is this an attempt to add value to the property during the sales process ?

Thank you for your attention.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Regards,

Peter & Angela Vickery