

March 18, 2024

Stephen Baugh, Island Planner  
Islands Trust, Gabriola Island

RE: Temporary Use Application  
Application No. GB-TUP-2023.5  
868 Chichester Rd. West  
PID:006-985-742  
Amended Lot 33 (DD 1502671), Block 7, Section 22  
Gabriola Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 1673

We live at [REDACTED] and are opposed to the Application unless it comes with a requirement for the upgrading of Haig Road and Chichester West.

The Map showing the location of the proposed TUP is inaccurate and misleading. Chichester Road West is a dead end road terminating at Camp Miriam and does not extend to Berry Point Road or Norwich Hill as shown. Further Chichester Road at the extension of Haig is one lot in length only (Lot 11) before it becomes a trail.

Both Haig and Chichester roads are designated by MOTI as unopened road allowances with no maintenance of kind provided. Both are narrow, deeply potholed, and winding, allowing single lane traffic only. The Regional District Garbage / Recycling vehicle is unable to navigate these roads and as such all receptacles are dragged down to the intersection of Haig and Berry Point. Most from Chichester are left here 24-7. The Fire Department has also indicated that the condition of these roads could affect response time when responding to an emergency.

The only access to the subject property is via Haig Road. Adding additional traffic from unfamiliar renters will further compromise the already unsafe conditions here. Cars meeting each other are forced to back up or pull in to driveways to let each other pass. Pedestrian traffic is also heavy due to various trailways in the area. Walking here is already a dangerous venture with few places to edge out the way of cars.

Respectfully submitted:  
Bodil & Jerry Ellins  
[REDACTED], Gabriola Island  
[REDACTED]