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Subject: Application GL-PLRZ20240003 (Palmberg) - Opposed

Dear Islands Trust and Staff,

We are writing to **firmly oppose** this application to rezone a residential property to commercial and industrial uses.

The impact on the local **Sticks Allison Water system**, a scarce resource that is decreasing yearly due to ongoing drought, would be substantive and affect the water supplied to long-standing households (37) who depend on its viability for their health and safety.

Bringing gravel trucks, hauling logs and running a mill or a cidery would put heavy pressure on the water supply residents count on every day.

Furthermore, the tremendous increase in traffic on the hilly, winding Galiano Way, with its many blind spots, would see the gateway to our Sticks Allison neighbourhood, transformed into a route where large trucks hauling gravel, wood and other materials, face off against passenger vehicles daily. Very different and **far less safe** than what exists currently.

And then there's the potential for a mammoth increase in **noise**. Heavy industry, commercial activity is **incompatible** with residential usage where people live, raise families, have grandchildren visit, settle into old age and if lucky enough, live out their last years amidst beautiful, natural surroundings that brought them to Galiano in the first place. These Sticks Allison residents don't just reside in the neighbourhood, but are part of the larger community who work, volunteer, assist and care for island residents and our special island surroundings every single day.

After carefully reading the letters backing the rezoning application, we fully understand the support for creating a new business or additional services for islanders. Yes, apples need to be made into cider, logs need to be milled, aggregate needs storage etc.

But we argue steadfastly that this cannot be done at the expense of local residents and taxpayers, and a fragile, diminishing water resource, that once depleted by additional usage the rezoning proposal entails, can never be replaced.

Surely there must be other locations on the island, perhaps close to one of the supporters of this proposal, that would be better suited to the endeavours being proposed?

We would ask that staff and trustees look into that and ask supporters or the proponent, also business-minded people, if they know of any suitable sites?

That way Mr. Palmberg can realize his goals and the residents of Sticks Allison can continue to live in peace assured of safe and clean drinking water for the foreseeable future.

We strongly urge trustees to reject the rezoning proposal and leave the property zoned residential in keeping with the current plan and neighbourhood usage.

Sincerely

Kim and Darren Minitor - [REDACTED]