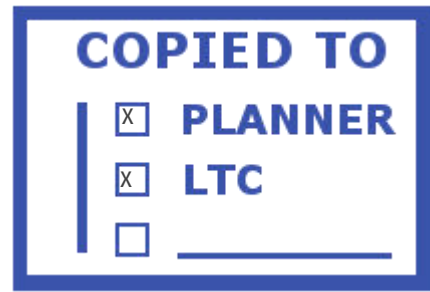


Katherine Somerville
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July 23, 2020

Dan Rogers, Chairperson
Mayne Island Local Trust Committee
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Dear Mayne Island Local Trust Committee,

Re: Mayne Island Housing Society Proposal on Village Bay Road, Mayne Island

I have been made aware of the most recent proposal by the Housing Society. I support my neighbours and share their concerns related to the proposed development; I would like to elaborate on a specific concern. My property is situated directly below the proposed development, I believe it will directly impact me, my family and my neighbours negatively. My concern is related to ground and water disturbance in the all ready fragile wetland directly behind my property.

A little more than 15 years the property known as "Lot C" on Village Bay Road was logged. This is the property directly beside the proposed development property. Immediately following the logging my property and other properties nearby were suddenly saturated with water all year round. The portion of my lot directly behind my house became unusable due to water saturation levels. The front of my lot facing Maple Drive became extremely saturated well into late spring months annually, often flooding our septic field.

It was at this same time that we noticed our once pristine drinking water was no longer passing water quality tests and we were forced to install a U.V. system. Prior to the logging no treatment was necessary to drink the water. It took more than 10 years for the water quality to recover, the water saturation in my back yard remains a problem to this day. I have fostered trees and done my best not to disturb the area in order to facilitate as much growth as possible in an effort to provide a barrier to the water.

I have serious concerns that any further disturbance to the land above my lot will negatively affect my water quality and the ability to use my land. For these reasons I respectfully ask the local trust committee to deny the Housing Society's proposal.

Sincerely,

The Somerville Family,
Katherine, Sabrina, Morgan & Gabriella
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