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To: SSInfo
Subject: SS-RZ-2021.1 114 Swanson's Rd.

Date: February 6, 2022

To: Salt Spring Island Trustees, Peter Luckham, Laura Patrick, Peter Grove

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Re: Request for up-zoning at 114 Swanson's Rd.

CC: Gulf Islands Seniors Residents Association, Salt Spring Seniors Services Society

This message is about Application SS-RZ-2021.1 on page 510 of the agenda package for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meeting on February 15, 2022. Dale Rivers is requesting to up-zone 114 Swanson's Rd. from 12 to 18 units. Because North Salt Spring Waterworks water is not available in a sufficient quantity, the proposal is to provide water from a well.

I urge you to turn down this application for the following reasons:

- To allow this increased use of groundwater in this area poses a danger to the water supply of nearby developments that are under construction or planned. These are Croftonbrook that is downstream and Meadowlane that is upstream of this location. Because of the type of aquifer that we have, it is very difficult to determine how much water is available from underground in any one location. Also, because of the proximity to the ocean, excessive pumping can cause salt water intrusion which could harm the water supply of these already approved developments. In any case, every effort should be made to save ground water resources for affordable housing in the Ganges area.
- The Salt Spring Official Community Plan limits up-zoning to only for affordable housing and only to a "few". Before any additional up-zoning is granted, Islands Trust Staff need to count how many additional residential permissions have been granted for affordable housing to determine if these qualify as a "few" since 2008. Since these provide for a larger island population than the zoning in 2008, new locations granted for 411 full time occupied cottages AND 1,598 suites must be counted.

Sincerely yours, Maxine Leichter

