

Aven, Heather M.

From: Elizabeth Paley <ezpaley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:55 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest; Bell, Kathy M.; Sundin, Steven C.
Subject: Woods AT Viewcrest photo to document present traffic issue at FMS bridge, as discussed in prior letter
Attachments: 20230911_173914.jpg

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This attachment is a photo taken facing south from the bridge that lies just NE of Fairhaven Middle School, stopped completely with gridlock. This is a normal day when school is in session. Without evacuation emergencies or anything else, this intersection is already a nightmare several times a day. In case of a tsunami, the alternative route through Fairhaven is not far enough above sea level. Nor is the one that involves Old Samish Way. So that would then require either crossing this old (possibly damaged bridge if after an earthquake) and crowded bridge or to head south on Chuckanut, which would have it's own issues with rocks and landslides (had there been an earthquake previously). In this regard, Edgemoor is already pretty trapped for lack of escape routes in certain future emergency scenarios! Thank you for looking closely at how far the traffic is backed up,
Elizabeth Paley
Viewcrest Rd
at this email address above



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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2024 10:54 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Tyler Morse
Attachments: Public Comment - 700.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Tyler Morse
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	As a resident of Pierce County, I just heard about this project on King 5 News. I'm appalled that this project may move to forward to allow housing. With Puget Sound in declining health, we need more natural areas to help heal the waters and wildlife. Please do not approve The Woods at Viewcrest project. Thank you.
EMAIL	tylerjeremymorse@gmail.com
DATE	7/5/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 7:53 AM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Patti Fairbanks
Attachments: Public Comment - 701.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Patti Fairbanks
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Developing this area would negatively impact wildlife, especially fish, herons, and salmon. As a lifelong resident of Bellingham, I am proud of the decisions we as a community have made regarding the environment.
EMAIL	pjfairbanks@comcast.net
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:38 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -David Gould
Attachments: Public Comment - 706.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	David Gould
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I support requiring the developers of The Woods at Viewcrest to conduct and submit an Environmental Impact Statement so that the City, the public, and the developers can better understand how best, or if, to proceed. Mud Bay Cliffs is a sensitive area that is home to hundreds of species of birds, mammals, amphibians, and flora who will suffer greatly with this proposed development. Let's get a detailed study done. Thank you.
EMAIL	drandalg@yahoo.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 3:58 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Samantha Henthorn
Attachments: Public Comment - 704.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Samantha Henthorn
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	The developers should be required to do an environmental impact report before a permit is issued.
EMAIL	samantha.henthorn@gmail.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 11:36 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Kirk Lang
Attachments: Public Comment - 708.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Kirk Lang
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	JUST SAY NO!
EMAIL	kirkclang07@gmail.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 11:17 AM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Aimee lewis
Attachments: Public Comment - 702.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Aimee lewis
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Bellingham is wonderful because of all the access to nature. Adding yet another set of luxury houses isn't going to help the wildlife or the city.
EMAIL	laine.aimee@gmail.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:51 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Todd Nelson
Attachments: Public Comment - 707.pdf



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Entry Details

NAME	Todd Nelson
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	A full environmental impact statement is, of course the minimum. What's the question?
EMAIL	toddnelson16@gmail.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:36 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -carol rofkar
Attachments: Public Comment - 705.pdf



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Entry Details

NAME	carol rofkar
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I am opposed to this development based on the amount of additional traffic it will create, infrastructure improvements required and the wildlife impact. We should protect this bay and the wildlife corridor between the bay and the 100 acre wood and Chuckanut mountains- it is part of why living here is such a blessing. Let's develop sites within the City before destroying our surrounding forests.
EMAIL	carolrofkar@gmail.com
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 1:35 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Mary Stanton-Anderson
Attachments: Public Comment - 703.pdf



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Entry Details

NAME	Mary Stanton-Anderson
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	This project should NOT be approved until an independent Environmental Impact Statement becomes available. Operative word: INDEPENDENT!
EMAIL	gocanux@comcast.net
DATE	7/6/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 9:10 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -James Biederbeck
Attachments: Public Comment - 715.pdf



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Entry Details

NAME	James Biederbeck
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Preserve our shorelines.
EMAIL	james@jamesbiederbeck.com
DATE	7/7/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 4:46 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Richard Burnett
Attachments: Public Comment - 714.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Richard Burnett
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	As a contractor I am definitely not against building/ construction. However, I have had to clean up a lot of residential homes that have been severely polluted by years of dirty diesel fuel. The train in Seattle along the water somehow escaped any scrutiny for what it does to many miles of coastline. Someone do a good test of the many buildings and structures that have been covered by a layer of black tar...very spotty even in places. So...please keep the remaining untouched areas alone. Trade the land owners for another good property. Be fair and work it out with them.

EMAIL

paintnrich@gmail.com

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7/7/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:56 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -consuelo echeverria
Attachments: Public Comment - 711.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	consuelo echeverria
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Though I do not live in Bellingham I do kayak up and down the coast of the Puget Sound. From Eld Inlet on South Puget Sound to Bellingham Bay there are very few places on the Sound where the waterfront is not filled with houses. While some are the charming small cottages of a summer long gone with large keystone conifers, more and more multi-million homes developments constructed without regard to the environmental impact on the coastline ecology. These developments have an everlasting impact on not only the landscape, but the waters on which they perch. A case in point is the proposed Mud Bay Cliffs

development. This development is on the steep cliffs of the Mud Bay estuary that provide feeding and breeding grounds for not only the last remaining Great Blue heron colony in Bellingham but offers sanctuary for other species such young salmon. It is important to note, Great Blue Herons are listed as Priority Species by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. In this environmentally sensitive area, allowing developers to generate their own environmental impact statements is akin to having the fox guard the henhouse. I respectfully request the development be put on hold until a full environmental impact study has been done by a reputable firm not chosen by the developer.

I do understand that people want that view, and I am not anti-development. This owner of the land may want to take this opportunity to become the first family in WA to develop a site sensitive plan, with low impact carbon-neutral buildings that are designed to maximize environmental assets like wind and solar in a heat wave and have a minimum impact on the land on which they are build. They could, if they wanted to, set standards and be a historic asset and not just be another high-end suburb.

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:10 AM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Kirsten Johnson
Attachments: Public Comment - 709.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Kirsten Johnson
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Only 75 resident Orca left. Chinook salmon nearing endangered species status. Displacing Great Blue Heron. These species define the Pacific Northwest. I find it interesting that the project overview defines the lot in question as vacant. It is not vacant. Hundreds of animals call it home and it is occupied. Today I watched a pod of Orca be harassed by ski boats and jet skis and it just gets so old. Negative human impact just gets so old and harder to watch, especially when I think about the world my 2 year old daughter will inherit. I went to college in Bellingham and grew up in Seattle. We have the chance to learn from California’s mistakes and not let our whole coastline get developed. 75% of

Bellingham's is already gone. Let's make it a preserve, let the public observe nature in action and fall in love with its creatures and please God just leave it alone for once.

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akirsten.johnson@gmail.com

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 11:30 AM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Eleanor Ortland
Attachments: Public Comment - 710.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Eleanor Ortland
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I am extremely concerned about the environmental impact of this subdivision on Bellingham's last remaining stretches of undeveloped shoreline. Mud Bay houses our only heron colony, the Post Point herons - which were moved to that area due to another development - to great expense to our city and taxpayers. There is no denying that the Woods at Viewcrest put a delicate estuary habitat at risk. Bellingham's wealth is not only in property value but in the precious natural beauty that surrounds us. The idea that we may permanently damage what little remains angers and saddens me deeply. Please please do something to address and mitigate this.

EMAIL

eleanor.ortland@gmail.com

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:51 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Paula Rotondi
Attachments: Public Comment - 713.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Paula Rotondi
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Please accept this email as my request to receive via email all notices regarding the Woods at Viewcrest applications. I am very concerned about this proposed development.
EMAIL	perotondi@comcast.net
DATE	7/7/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:38 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Summer Trudell
Attachments: Public Comment - 712.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Summer Trudell
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I'm very concerned about the volume/number of homes being proposed and the resultant traffic, storm water/runoff impacts, and environmental impacts to the surrounding area. These are also not homes that most folks can afford, so it's not going to drive down home prices or reduce demand. Can you stipulate local buyers only? If this must go through, please consider reducing in the number of homes allowed, ensuring the developer accounts for/contributes to adequate roadways/sidewalks, and requiring rigorous environmental and land use reqs.
EMAIL	summer_trudell@hotmail.com

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 4:12 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Jeanne Cullen
Attachments: Public Comment - 718.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Jeanne Cullen
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	Please do not let the developers destroy what little we have left of the natural coastline.
EMAIL	stanleyc98501@outlook.com
DATE	7/8/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 2:53 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Larry S Freeman MD
Attachments: Public Comment - 717.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Larry S Freeman MD
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	To: planning and community development, city of Bellingham. I am writing regarding the proposed development, the Woods at Viewcrest. There are many things about this project that are unacceptable, along with the process that has occurred up to this point. It is well documented that this development would pose significant risks to Mud Bay, a category I regulated estuary wetland. It receives this designation because it is a sensitive, unique ecosystem, it has been indisturbed, and provides many functions. Other specific concerns of this Proposal are

regarding slope stability, traffic access, destruction of mature, coastal forest, violations of Bellingham municipal code provisions, including regulations regarding stormwater access, easements, wetland protections, and steep slope protections.

Equally concerning to these many legitimate issues is the irresponsible attitude and approach of these developers. They have requested multiple discretionary liberties in order to advance the proposed development, and as of this point, the city has not indicated that it will not allow these discretionary liberties. The developers have even failed to identify Mud bay as separate from Chuckanut Bay, and thereby claimed a rationale that is simply without foundation.

As a result, the city faces a decision that goes well beyond the specifics of this development. This is a priceless area with multiple benefits as well as vulnerabilities. The developer has done nothing to take these into account other than to acknowledge in them and then utilize that acknowledgment to justify a proposal with multiple failures. The city's inaction in response to that is a matter of concern. The city's obligation in my view as a citizen is to protect the citizenry as well as the area and habitat which we are so fortunate to enjoy and share with one another. This kind of selfish exploitive development is exactly the type of thing that people are realizing is harmful, not only to the landscape, the wildlife, and the people, but it is also harmful to community confidence in governing entities. Furthermore, the attitude of this developer is having harmful effects and will continue to do so in the form of profound distrust that this is a development that is being conceived reasonably, rationally, and in keeping with the neighborhoods around it, as well as those at a distance.

In other words, this is a moral predicament, and the city needs to rise to the occasion and realize it's moral responsibility as previously

described.

At the very least, the city must issue a determination of significance for this area, and require a detailed environmental impact statement before any further consideration is done regarding permits, variances, and exceptions to normal protocol. That is the very least it can do.

Related to this issue is the fact that scientific studies indicate younger people in our society feel terribly betrayed by decision-makers. As a psychiatrist concerned about the general well-being of young adults and adolescents, I am compelled to let you know about studies on the effects of the climate crisis which indicate that adolescents and young adults in percentages higher than 50% struggle with ecological grief and anxiety. These can transform into anger, despair, chemical dependency, problems, and suicide. Their ecological grief and anxiety are intensified and more common among young adults who feel betrayed by people in authority who have failed to make decisions that so obviously should've been made and could've been made, but were not.

I appeal to you to reverse this process, and demonstrate to the young people of Bellingham that you can act responsibly on the mandate which you have received, and which is identified so clearly in law:

- 1) Issue a determination of significance for this area and the project proposed.
- 2) Require a thorough, environmental impact review and statement.

Sincerely yours
Larry Freeman MD

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DATE

7/8/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 1:46 AM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Amber Lee
Attachments: Public Comment - 716.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Amber Lee
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	The shoreline is one of the few that is undeveloped. It's ecosystem is extremely important to the health of our environment and to the health of our citizens. It is also quite fragile. The City Council must require the developers to submit an independent Environmental Impact Statement to the city. The City and the State claim we want to protect our environment. Now let's prove it.
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DATE	7/8/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 6:47 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Josh Konen
Attachments: Public Comment - 720.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Josh Konen
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I am very against the building of The Woods at Viewcrest. Mud Bay and the ecosystem it supports deserves to be protected for future generations to enjoy. Lets give our children a chance to see a natural coastline in Bellingham that is not filled with condos and houses.
EMAIL	jskonon15@gmail.com
DATE	7/9/2024

Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:07 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Cliff & Barbara Batchelder
Attachments: Public Comment - 723.pdf



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Entry Details

NAME	Cliff & Barbara Batchelder
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	This is in regard to the Mud Bay Cliffs project, we oppose this project. We live in Egdemore and feel that this is the wrong place for a project like this. This definitely will be a environmental disaster, due to the steep cliffs on that property.
EMAIL	Barbncliff@icloud.com
DATE	7/11/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2024 12:00 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Kathleen Waldron
Attachments: Public Comment - 729.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Kathleen Waldron
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	I believe an environmental impact statement by a government organization should be done before development is begun.
EMAIL	waldronkathleen02@gmail.com
DATE	7/14/2024

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 7:25 PM
To: G.Proj.Wood at Viewcrest
Subject: Public Comment -Keith Siorg
Attachments: Public Comment - 739.pdf



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Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Keith Siorg
CHOOSE TOPIC	The Woods at Viewcrest
COMMENT OR TESTIMONY	The damage to these pristine waters will be devastating to our state and local communities.
EMAIL	mrmusician@ocean-ware.com
DATE	7/15/2024

Aven, Heather M.

From: Rebecca Hardesten <r.hardesten@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:58 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C.
Subject: Opposition to the Mud Bay Cliffs Development Proposal

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Dear Steve,

Please make note of my grave concerns and strong objections to the Mud Bay Cliffs Development Plan.

Here is one news link:

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/bellingham/bellingham-fight-shoreline-from-luxury-home-development/281-49cab234-b718-429d-bb24-7aac2f959fdf>

The project will be destroying the delicate ecosystem with construction and sewage .

This is a disaster in the making. All the ecological efforts at marine wildlife will be negated.

The project is unsustainable, that will cause damage to the Washington Coast line.

The land is volcanic rock, not stable. The environment conservation of an area should be for all to enjoy not

just the benefit of the few who want to own their piece of nature.

I am preparing a presentation to the City Council about this and the unsightly urban sprawl that

has blighted the area recently. There is a limit to growth, as is finally evidenced in both California and

Arizona, both states have instituted permanent water restrictions, and Arizona will not currently allow

and further development.

Thanks for taking my comments.

Beki Hardesten
Bellingham WA resident.