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The City of Bellingham has accepted the application from developers of CityView's dormitory style complex above Consolidation and Nevada Street. We live in the Puget neighborhood and plead with you, please do not approve this proposed development. This complex requires renters to share areas other than their bedroom and bathroom with strangers, similar to a college dormitory but without amenities needed for college students. There are insufficient amenities provided for seniors or families with children as well. The facility lacks adequate support but is proposing extremely high, per person rents. We are supportive of developing housing that meets the needs of the community. Unfortunately, we don’t believe the CityView proposal satisfies these needs.

The people of Bellingham have a proud history of protecting our environment. The environmental impacts of locating such a large complex at the proposed location would be contrary to that goal. The site is extremely steep. Water runoff and erosion are a major concern. Our yard already absorbs runoff from underground water and homes around us. Neighboring landscape changes have required us to install special drain systems in our yard twice. A major development above Nevada Street will only bring more runoff issues to those of us downhill from the site.

Recent traffic control modifications to Nevada street have complicated flow. Concrete islands a few feet from the sidewalks have been added in two locations as well as a round-about. This creates narrow areas in the road that require one car to stop and allow the oncoming car to pass through first. Some neighbors have lost parking in front of their home because of the dual islands. Adding hundreds of additional cars to this situation would be irresponsible.

If the City determines there is a need in Bellingham for dormitory style housing like CityView, please require the location be changed to a more appropriate site. There are better locations along Lakeway and Samish that are closer to bus lines, grocery stores and services.

Sincerely,

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