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Tim Stewart
Planning & Community Development Director
City of Bellingham
Planning Department
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Fairhaven Highlands EIS Final Scoping Summary

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We are writing on behalf of our clients, Greenbriar Northwest Associates, LLC. ("Greenbriar"), regarding the recent release of the Final Scoping Summary ("Summary") for the Fairhaven Highlands Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). We have reviewed the Summary. We wish to request a meeting with you and other City departments to have a very preliminary TRC-type meeting.

We want to discuss the scoping and direction of the EIS so that efficient consideration of alternatives occurs. Much of the information mentioned in the recent scoping document can be provided or accessed from prior City and private work on this project. Since Greenbriar gets to pay, we are extremely concerned that our expenditures are not wasted.

We want to add one or more alternatives in order to make the SEPA process truly useful. Other departments' input may be useful, as well.

Following an informal discussion of issues and inputs, we can work directly with you to sequence ongoing reviews and discussions. There is no point looking at alternatives that other City departments and/or the applicant cannot accept.¹

¹ See WAC 197-11-440(5)(b).

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This is not intended to shortcut any process or eliminate any input from any source. We need to communicate in a more normal fashion. May we meet on April 2nd, 3rd or 4th?

Very Truly Yours,
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cc: Greenbriar Northwest Associates