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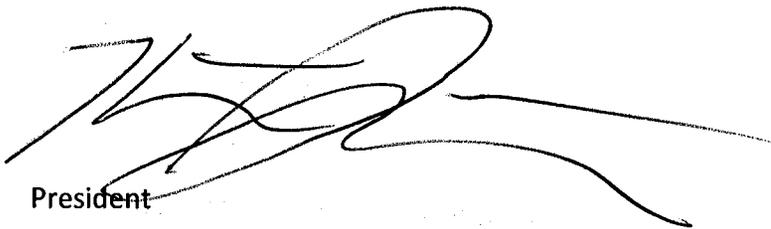
Date: April 25, 2020

Under the provisions of the **Bellingham Municipal Code section 21.10.210 Minimum comment period** ["The minimum comment period shall be 14 days following the date of notice of application..."] the Puget Neighborhood Association requests the extension of the minimum, 14 day comment period on the applications PDP2019-0015/DR2019-0036/CAP2019-0037/SEP2019-0039 to 30 days to end on the 23rd of May 2020.

The development in question is a particularly complicated project with submissions (several dozen documents) in a number of categories that require sufficient time on the part of the public and the Puget Neighborhood Association to study and provide informed comments, as well as to consult if need be with legal counsel and informed experts. The developer has had multiple extensions to his application for a project permit over a period of 7 months. Fairness also calls for ample time for public comment.

We therefore request that the Director of Planning and Development under the power conveyed by BMC 21.10.210 extend the comment period to 23rd of May 2020.

Kevin Jenkins



President

Puget Neighborhood Association

Aven, Heather M.

From: Alan McConchie <alan.mcconchie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 4:31 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Comment on CityView proposal

I'm writing in support of the proposed CityView project on Consolidation Avenue.

As a current resident of Whatcom County, a Downtown Bellingham business owner, and someone who was born and raised here in Bellingham, I am deeply concerned about rising housing costs in Bellingham, and the environmental impacts of continuing sprawl if we don't find ways to add more housing in Bellingham. While it is deeply unfortunate that this project does not seem to have any affordable housing included, at least it adds much needed capacity which will help reduce housing pressure elsewhere in the city.

I also appreciate that the site preserves a large amount of forested area, and has such a strong emphasis on bicycle parking. These are necessary steps for Bellingham to help meet our responsibility to future generations by reducing our climate impact.

I wish this project did more for affordability and for sustainability, but I still welcome and support it.

Alan McConchie
Business owner, Localgroup Studio
221 Prospect Street, Bellingham, WA

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:49 AM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -Erik Bernhoft
Attachments: Public Comment - 144.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Erik Bernhoft
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	<p>I'm writing today to express my adamant opposition to the prospective Cityview Project proposed to be constructed on the Hawley Tract of the Puget neighborhood. This battleship-sized, five story, dormitory style apartment giant is planned for placement amongst a neighborhood of family homes with a family neighborhood bordering it on all 4 sides.</p> <p>The Cityview Project would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Inappropriately placed, towering over the homes of Nevada St. only ~100ft away at times. This proposal is disrespectfully and disproportionately close to the homes of Nevada St and Marionberry Ct with the parking lots of these apartments laying just over 50ft from the foundations of the adjacent homes!!!2) Out of character of the Upper Puget Neighborhood. (1-2 story homes and small/medium multifamily complexes stepped immediately to a 5 story mega-tower perched on the hillside)3) A disproportionately dense dormitory style

apartment, suited for college campus, surrounded by a sea of small family homes.

4) Would overly strain fragile neighborhood roadways (despite what the developer's strategically biased traffic study may claim) and further tax the already troubled intersections of the narrow Lincoln St and Nevada St with Lakeway Dr. Traffic lights at both intersections would be absolutely necessary as well as considerable widening and improvement of both streets.

5) Purely profit-centric, in no way serving of this neighborhood, community, or anyone but wealthy developer Morgan Bartlett and his Madrona Bay Realty.

I understand that Bellingham has an affordable housing crisis. I understand that action is needed and elected officials are under pressure to address it. Plopping down battleship sized apartment dormitory in the middle of a Bellingham family neighborhood is not the answer this city needs.

Do not let Morgan Bartlett, a wealthy profit-hungry developer, and his Madrona Bay Realty Company destroy the sanctity of the Puget and Samish Neighborhoods in the name of special interest profiteering!

As a young, tax paying, voting, healthcare professional serving the city of Bellingham for the past 10 years, I can honestly say that I will be looking elsewhere if city officials such as yourself, tolerate such special interest profiteering to come before honest, average, citizens and their neighborhoods.

I implore you to stand up for the average people of the Puget and Samish neighborhoods and deny this profit-centric proposal.

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From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:07 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -Andrea Lubeck
Attachments: Public Comment - 145.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Andrea Lubeck
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	<p>I'm writing today to express my adamant opposition to the prospective Cityview Project in the Hawley Tract of the Puget neighborhood. This huge dormitory style apartment is planned for placement amongst a neighborhood of family homes with a family neighborhood bordering it on all 4 sides.</p> <p>The Cityview Project would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Inappropriately placed, towering over the homes of Nevada St. only ~100ft away. The parking lots of this proposal lay just over 50 feet from the foundations of homes on Nevada St and Marionberry Ct! This proposal is disrespectfully and disproportionately close to the homes of Nevada and Marionberry.2) Out of character of the Upper Puget Neighborhood. (1-2 story homes and SMALL/medium multifamily complexes stepped immediately to a 5 story mega-tower perched on the hillside)3) A disproportionately dense dormitory style apartment, suited for college campus, surrounded by

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I understand that Bellingham has an affordable housing crisis. I understand that action is needed and elected officials are under pressure to address it. Plopping down battleship sized apartment dormitory in the middle of a Bellingham family neighborhood is not the answer this city needs. There are other options where such housing would be much more appropriate.

Please do not let this proposed development destroy the sanctity of the Puget and Samish Neighborhoods in the name of special interest profiteering.

I implore you to stand up for the average people of the Puget and Samish neighborhoods and deny this proposal.

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Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:52 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -Brian McNitt
Attachments: Public Comment - 146.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Brian McNitt
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	Project does not comply with either: A) the correct plat density, or B) Puget Neighborhood Plan. How could this project have even been considered? Obviously, due diligence was not first done by either the City of Bellingham or to a lesser extent the developer applying. The application must be terminated; the City of Bellingham is liable to the applicant for time invested in the failed permit process.
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Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:13 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -Daisey James
Attachments: Public Comment - 147.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Daisey James
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	<p>I'm a resident in the Puget neighborhood whose home would be backed up to this complex. I'm a new homeowner and am very familiar with the rental market in Bellingham and understand there is a need for units to be constructed, however I believe Bellingham is in need of affordable housing, not another student focused housing complex that rents rooms dorm style, which is my understanding of the goal for this complex.</p> <p>I find the thought of a 5 1/2 story building towering over a neighborhood filled with single-family homes to be absolutely insane. I have major concerns about the limited amount of space allowed between the proposed development and the yards that back up to it. Will a tall fence be built to ensure residents retain the privacy we purchased our homes with?</p> <p>I was under the impression the hillside was undisturbed natural lands to protect the health of the wildlife corridor. It seems as though there is land more suited to the development at the base of the hill near the Lark housing complex that would not involve destroying a hillside and a quiet, single-family home neighborhood in the process.</p>

Additionally, I have concerns regarding the level of traffic this will bring to the neighborhood. Nevada St is carefully built with rotaries and barriers to slow traffic, but Consolidation is not and as it is people fly up and down that hill. It's dangerous. Having this massive uptick in residents, presumably exclusively college students, will be a massive danger to the safety of the roads in the neighborhood. It seems like this complex will not have enough parking for each tenant to have a car, which in my experience in the apartments I lived in around Bellingham is always an issue. Will this lead to a massive overflow of cars lining the neighboring streets?

There is a trail that runs from Consolidation to the top of the hill allowing access to the Samish Crest Trail system. Will this trail be maintained or will access be cut off due to the construction of the road and the complexes driveways?

Please save our neighborhood and keep monstrous housing complexes like this out of our backyards. Bellingham is rife with develop-able land, land that is significantly easier and less disruptive on the environment than this specific location. Please help save our neighborhood.

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Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:46 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -brian martinet
Attachments: Public Comment - 148.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	brian martinet
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	<p>There will be an issue with traffic on Consolidation. Consolidation will not go through to Puget so all the traffic generated will have to go down Consolidation to Lincoln via Ashley. While there will only be 106 units, there will be three bedrooms & 3 baths/unit for a potential of 418 cars. This will greatly increase the traffic on an already dangerous road (very steep and cars are subject to excessive speeds). This requires either (1) taking Consolidation through to Puget or (2) additional traffic slowing measures such as traffic circles.</p>
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Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:48 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -brian martinet
Attachments: Public Comment - 149.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	brian martinet
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	The timeline for comments is not sufficient due to the corona virus. I would like to personally see the land to understand the issues but I am staying home per the governor's directive.
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Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:52 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -brian martinet
Attachments: Public Comment - 150.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	brian martinet
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	There are many animals, including deer, that live in and around the area. The animals use this land as a corridor to go from one undeveloped area to another. What will be the impact of this development to the native animals in that area?
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Aven, Heather M.

From: brian martinet <b.martinet@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Bell, Kathy M.; Grp.PL.Planning Mail (planning@cob.org); Aven, Heather M.
Subject: 4413 Consolidation Avenue

Kathy-

In regards to 4413 Consolidation Avenue, PDP2019-0015/DR2019-0036/CAP2019-0037/SEP2019-0039, why can comments be submitted online but to "receive notification of the action" a form must be completed and sent in by US mail? This seems like a wast of money both for the interested parties but also for the city of Bellingham.

I would like to know the action taken but per our governor during this time of crisis, I will not be leaving my house until the end of May, even to go to my mailbox.

It appears that this action is very rushed and that there will not be a public meeting to discuss the proposal. That is a travesty. What action will be taken on the comments? Nothing is stated so my thought is that they will be ignored. This process lacks transparency and appears to be rife with potential conflict of interest and corruption.

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Aven, Heather M.

From: Lani Gabriel <lanirg28@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Bell, Kathy M.
Subject: 4413 consolidation ave notice of app.

Good morning Kathy,

Will this email requesting for myself (Lani Gabriel 4205 Honeysuckle place, Bellingham 98229) to be included on the notification of action for 4413 Consolidation Ave be sufficient?

Considering the pandemic, I am trying to do my part for the susceptible people of the city by avoiding non essential trips (envelope, postage)?

Also, have considerations been made to extend the comment period? The pandemic and the multi family project are stressful situations to cope with and it seems unreasonable for comments to be due by 5/8.

Thank you,
Lani Gabriel

Sent from my iPhone

4/29/2020

CITY VIEW DORMITORY PROJECT

It's the wrong project in the wrong place.

The proposed dormitory project in the middle of a single family neighborhood comprised of 1 or 2 story houses is grossly out of proportion. One of the proposed buildings will be 5 1/2 stories tall, dwarfing surrounding homes.

If this dormitory complex is constructed it will cause: loss of property values for the current residents; traffic congestion; noise pollution; and loss of privacy for the homes below this huge building on the east side of Nevada street.

Such a project will not generate the fees necessary for city services (fire, police, street repair, schools) that current homeowners in this neighborhood are paying with property taxes on their single family homes. Apparently the developer of this project is counting on paying only the fees required for 106 apartments, where in reality City View will be providing 318 dormitory living units.

It is also predictable that City View will exacerbate storm water runoff in an area where many of the existing homes already have sump pumps to keep their crawl spaces from flooding. Many homeowners immediately below the proposed construction site have surface water flowing down into their back yards. There is also a nearly constant spring flowing onto Nevada street/44th St South where it intersects with Byron Ave. The City View construction would destroy the root network of trees and shrubs that hold the thin layer of topsoil on this steep slope.

Consider the following information:

“What are geographically hazardous areas?”

Landslide Hazard Areas: Landslide hazards are areas throughout the county where there is potential for slope failure due to any combination of geologic features. These areas include, but are not limited to, areas with all three of the following characteristics:

1. slopes between 15% and 35%
2. a relatively permeable sediment overlying a relatively impermeable sediment or bedrock; and
3. springs or ground water seepage. “

The existing property meets all 3 of these characteristics

This information comes from: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services.

As we have seen in recent news stories about landslides and flooding in Whatcom Country, landslides will become more common as ocean warming and climate change continues.

Many, if not most, of the current residents in the neighborhood directly harmed by the proposed City View dormitory will be financially trapped in their current homes, unable to sell and move to less problematic neighborhoods.

We would ask the City Planning and Development Services to scuttle, or drastically reduce the size of this proposed massive dormitory and stop allowing developers to try and shoehorn this type of construction into single family residential neighborhoods.

Robert Flack, M.D. & Darlene Flack, 4217 Marionberry Ln,
Bellingham, WA

Aven, Heather M.

From: Karen Anderson <karen@alrtc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:17 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Proposed City View Apartments

Kathy Bell
Senior Planner
City of Bellingham

Dear Ms. Bell,

I received that notice of application for the City View Apartment project. It's funny how the artist's rendering of this project makes it appear to be located in the middle of the woods. This could not be further from the truth. If this project is allowed, there will be no trees left on this site as the size doesn't allow a buffer anywhere near the size of the drawing. This college housing project would be located in the middle of a single-family residential neighborhood.- surrounded on all 4 sides.

I have lived in this neighborhood since 1996. There have been many changes in that time- most for the good. We had a high number of college renters for awhile and things got a bit dicey- our neighbor's car was broken into; another neighbor had the wheels and tires stolen right off his truck while it was parked in front of his house. But lately, the neighborhood has shifted. I walk my dog a lot and I can feel and see the shift. There are many more young families with small children again. They ride their scooters and tricycles up and down the sidewalk. There are more strollers and less speeders. The new multi-family construction going up down the street is fitting in nicely to the neighborhood.

What we don't need is 300+ college students in my backyard (literally). I live at 840 Nevada Street. The proposed development is directly behind me. The zoning for the City View parcel is a mistake that the City needs to rectify. Apartments belong on the outside of the single-family areas- that's how it is in our neighborhood now- not right in the middle of it.

The land is very steep and wet. Because our back yard was always wet, we removed the lawn and installed a French drain in the middle of our yard. Water runs off this hill routinely through small creeks and we have seen it pouring into neighbors' homes in the next cul-de-sac. This ground could easily shift and slide (as Ridgmont did back in the day) and cause damage. The deer use this area as a wildlife corridor and regularly migrate through it. We also see owls, eagles, and hawks in these trees.

College students are transitory. They will flood narrow Consolidation Street with cars each morning as they drive to the park and ride (THEY WILL NOT WALK THIS HILL-THEY WILL DRIVE IT). They will have loud parties on their rooftop lounge and leave unwanted furniture and garbage behind when they move out- check out the street across from the Maple Street Apartments at the end of term.

Enrollment is falling at WWU as the price of school and housing has become too much for many students. As we look at the post COVID-19 world, more and more students are likely to opt for on-line learning so they can try to hold down a

job as well as go to school. There are a lot of new apartments already going up that serve as college housing as well-on Samish Way, which is a much more suitable location for students.

The whole site is surrounded by Residential homes- quite expensive ones to the upside of the hill. Property values will be impacted. Police will be called. This is not a good fit for the neighborhood and I hope you will allow us to have some autonomy, as the York Neighborhood does, to lay out the neighborhood in a way that works for everyone.

Respectfully,

Karen Anderson
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Bellingham, WA 98229

Aven, Heather M.

From: Carter Merklinghaus <cartermerk1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Bell, Kathy M.
Subject: Urgent - CityView Proposal
Attachments: To Ms. Kathy Bell, Senior Planner.docx

Kathy Bell
Senior Planner
kbell@cob.org

Dear Ms. Bell,

As a life-long resident of the Puget neighborhood (840 Nevada Street), Western alumni, and former WWU adjunct faculty member (in the department of sociology) I implore you to reject the 4413 Consolidation Avenue/Area 17 proposal (CityView).

I grew up in this neighborhood, from the ages of four to 21. I saw the changes as the once dead-end street turned into a thriving neighborhood with many local kids for me to play with. As property prices increased, I saw many of the single-family homes turn into rentals for college students. I can even include myself in that category, as a student who lived at home with my parents for the majority of my college years. We knew, even as children, that the woods we grew up playing in would likely change to something new over time, and we weren't necessarily afraid of that idea. We thought it would mean more children in the neighborhood, more families making memories, and maybe the opportunity for us, as adults, to own a piece of the land that we had made our own memories on.

The proposal to make this piece of woods into a boarding facility for WWU students is NOT what we envisioned, and it should not be considered. There have been many ideas floated around about how to make this student-housing facility viable for the neighborhood, but they are completely unfounded. I'd like to touch on several of them here.

First, it has been argued that during construction and after the facility is full of students, they will be encouraged to walk up and down Consolidation Ave, as it is the most direct pathway to the WWU parking lots, bus routes, and Fred Meyer for groceries. I can tell you that as a resident of this neighborhood, and a former WWU student, I avoided walking up Consolidation Ave at all costs. In fact, I would *drive my Honda* from my parent's home on Nevada Street down to the Lincoln Creek Park N Ride, rather than walk up that hill carrying my textbooks, groceries, and whatever heavy items college students always seem to have in their backpacks. To this day, as I take my 18-month-old son on walks in the neighborhood, I avoid that hill. I walked up it two days ago, just for fun, and I found myself covered in sweat, my son's stroller battered from it nearly tipping over multiple times due to the severity of the incline. It is *not* a fun hill, for any purpose. And I can promise you that students living in the proposed facility will be *driving* down the narrow hill, with all 400 cars that they'll be parking in our former neighborhood backyard.

I mentioned the number of cars that will be parked in the proposed facility, but this is likely a gross understatement of the number of cars that will be added to the neighborhood. As a former student, I can tell you that when a room is listed for \$700 a month rent, I will be finding a roommate to split that cost with. And if every student in that building splits their room, as they most likely will, that means there will be at least 800 cars added to this neighborhood. And that's not including the countless numbers of visitors these students will have, coming to enjoy the "rooftop party space" the facility includes. This is a *family* neighborhood, with young children going for walks, playing on the sidewalks, and biking on the newly instated bike route. Adding these kinds of numbers of cars to the neighborhood will not only endanger our children, but also all the bicyclists that have been re-routed from Lincoln and Lakeway to Nevada as a "safer" route.

I should also point out that, in three decades, Western has only added roughly 300 beds for their students. It would seem much more logical that *they* be responsible for the addition of student housing to the community (and preferably on their own properties). Ironically, as a former WWU faculty member, I was informed in January of 2019 that WWU enrollments have greatly decreased in the past few years (due to the increase in online education, costs of enrollment, and affordability of two-year institutions), to the point that they have nearly a 90% admissions rate just to keep the school afloat. Now given the current state of the country with the COVID-19 outbreak, it seems very likely that enrollment at WWU will be *even lower* than projected, as many students will not be able to afford to return OR enroll in college due to the economic consequences of the outbreak. At the very least, it is likely that returning students that can afford to continue their education will opt to do so *online* rather than in-person. It seems ridiculous, then, to create housing for a school that is clearly not in need of housing. Not to mention that we already have several giant housing structures erected on Samish Way this year to add to the nonexistent need for student housing. Constructing a building the size of a city block that is half empty does not seem like the most efficient use of anyone's property. It sounds like a great opportunity for vandalism and squatting. I also want to note that in the rendering of the building they show it surrounded by woods – this drawing is clearly not to scale, as the lot is not large enough to accommodate so many large buildings and still leave a large forest buffer on each side. We'll be lucky if there is a *row* of trees separating the neighborhood on either side from this monster of a development. In either scenario, you either have a building bursting at the seams with students that flood our streets with their vehicles, OR you have a nearly vacant building that has destroyed the vitality of the neighborhood (not to mention property values) in a gross attempt at gentrification. Either option would be a devastating blow to this charming neighborhood.

While I love the woods in my backyard, a place where it's not uncommon to see deer eating our flowers and beautiful bald eagles resting on branches, I know that due to the housing crisis in our town it will need to be developed eventually. And that's something I'm okay with under the circumstances that were laid out by the planning committee initially. Student housing belongs at the bottom of the hill, not at the top (if anywhere). Family residential housing belongs at the top. If developers looking to add a sixplex or more single-resident homes came to this plot of land, we as a neighborhood would be much more in favor. It might even give me the opportunity to make this neighborhood my permanent home with my own family. But putting a 400-800 student boarding house on top of a hill that is at a slide risk and is constantly flooding the neighborhood with water run-off is not what belongs in this neighborhood. We don't need more underage drinking (and increased driving while under the influence), garbage, loud music, and cars where our children are trying to play. We already had ANOTHER stop sign destroyed on the corner of 44th and Consolidation this past week due to reckless driving-- we don't need to add to that problem.

Please, I beg that you consider all of these factors before making your decision. What would you do if it was your family?

Sincerely,

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(full letter is attached for reference as well)

Aven, Heather M.

From: noreply@cob.org on behalf of City of Bellingham <noreply@cob.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:06 PM
To: G.Proj.City View
Subject: Public Comment -Al Schwartz
Attachments: Public Comment - 151.pdf



City of Bellingham

Public Comment

Entry Details

NAME	Al Schwartz
CHOOSE TOPIC	CityView Project
COMMENT	<p>I strongly oppose this development. When considering the scale, type of project, and location there is no doubt it will greatly impact this neighborhood in a negative way. The amount of traffic and noise will destroy the current quality of life that exists in these neighborhoods. This is NOT the place for this development.</p> <p>In addition, I strongly disagree with the manner and timing in which this is happening, the city of Bellingham has a responsibility to be transparent and allow the public to be heard. A ten day window for the public to know and voice opinion is not enough given the fact the developer was granted several months extensions.</p> <p>Lastly, the developer's mandatory public postings were not sufficient. They were either hidden or laying face down on the ground. Neither could be seen by the public and an honorable citizen had to put them back up so the public could even find out this is happening. If he cant even post signs in a responsible way, why would anyone think he would</p>

be responsible with a development.

I understand there is a housing shortage but THIS is not the place for this development. Thank you.

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