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Greetings,

I recently became aware of a proposal you are considering for the development of multiple hotels on US 40 and a bridge into my neighborhood. I am upset that I was not notified about this. As a resident of Chinook Lane, this definitely impacts me. The whole entire area from Walton Creek Road to Whistler Park should have been notified. If these things are currently being discussed by City Council the public has a right to know.

I'm currently very negatively impacted by the bright lights from the Homewood Hotel which looks like a lit up Christmas tree year-round shining into my bedroom windows. The increased light pollution from a project such as this should not be allowed. If these hotels get built it must be done responsibly and insist that the developers utilize low light fixtures.

But my major concern is the bridge for multiple reasons.

First and foremost, the impact to wildlife, wetlands, and the environment is deeply concerning. It will obviously have a huge impact and should not be undertaken lightly. I wonder what impact studies have been done?

In addition, this is a long established neighborhood with comfortable traffic flow at this point in time. This bridge will in no way benefit people living in this neighborhood. I assume the bridge is intended for the benefit of hotel guests. This seems like an absolute misuse of funds to spend city tax dollars on something that is not of any benefit to current residents.

Traffic flow to this neighborhood would be extremely detrimental. Many of the streets are nice and quiet with little traffic right now including Stone Lane. I use this to commute on bikes with my grandchildren from our residence to Whistler Park. We could not do that safely in the future if this was a major traffic arterial with many users that are not local residents and who might not respect local traffic laws.

If your intent is for an easy access to the ski area through the neighborhood it is out of touch with the real traffic flow. There is no parking at the base. The parking is down at the Meadows so these people would be better off using Highway 40. I wonder how much thought has really been given into the traffic flow if this bridge is built.

I understand the need for increased lodging and that this is inevitable. But new building must be allowed only if it is done responsibly. No bridge. That is obvious. Responsible low light fixtures on all buildings. Impact studies on multiple environmental issues, especially drainage from parking lots and making sure that does not end up in the river.

I know your job is difficult, and balancing the impact of growth and honoring the needs of your current residences is a tricky one. I've been an owner in this neighborhood for 40 years and deserve to have a voice in the future of my neighborhood.

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