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From: Katie Opp
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:10 PM
To: PlanningAlias
Subject: development at Hunt and Ryan rd

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to the new “93 unit hotel” development being proposed at Ryan and Hunt Rds in Courtenay.

Currently the province is under “essential travel only” restrictions with no foreseeable end in sight and our current tourism infrastructure is suffering. Increasing the capacity for travelers at this time is nonsensical and unfair to businesses who will be pressed to survive after “emergency orders” are lifted. High rise (more than 4 floors) buildings are ugly and will block the views of local residents as well as decrease property value for neighbors.

This is a mixed residential/business neighborhood and does not provide good recreational space or proper pedestrian flow. As such it is not a suitable neighborhood for increased transient (overnight guest) activities. Increased transient activity in this neighborhood could lead to increased crime, loitering and other problems in the area.

An already high population of economically underserved community members living in this area creates a tense environment for increased transient habitation.

Please consider these reasons to reject the new proposed development.

Sincerely,

Katie Oppenheimer

Property Owner