

Thursday, March 14, 2019

BYLAW NO. 4500.131

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS REZONING APPLICATION RA-000397

I am Helena Hiltz, owner of #325 - 6711 Dover Rd. Nanaimo BC V9V 1L9

The Victoria Based Gain Group has not made a valid argument to establish a VERY HIGH END CAR SALES AND SERVICE BUSINESS ON THIS LOCATION.

The Gain Group has a good project in mind which should be placed in an auto mall in the light industrial area of Nanaimo. THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION FOR THIS KIND OF BUSINESS.

This car business does not meet the shortage of affordable and pedestrian friendly housing NOR DOES IT FIT IN WITH THE CHARACTER OF THIS WHOLE AREA. This location already provides all the necessary services for pedestrian friendly housing for young people, families, seniors and many who are living alone. This is already a residential area with two - four level condo buildings and this property butts onto the property we are discussing. There are trails for people to use. But wait there is more -- can you imagine on a warm summer evening throwing on your bathing suit, grabbing a towel and strolling over to Long Lakes beach for a swim. Not too many housing complex are within easy walking to a water area for swimming.

Standing on this location and asking people what they thought would be the best project for this location. The answer unanimously was NO CAR SALES -- MUST BE RESIDENTIAL WITH A THICK PERIMETER OF TREES, SHRUBS ETC TO PROTECT THE DEVELOPMENT FROM NOISE AND POLLUTION.

I am approaching my 87th birthday and my Granddaughter just delivered my 3d Great Grandchild on March the 6th. I need to speak up and protect our environment and build affordable, pedestrian friendly housing for this generation and for the future generations.

The Staff has read the regulations and guidelines of the OCP and made the recommendation NOT TO APPROVE THIS REZONING APPLICATION NO. RA000397.

.....

Page 2

COUNCIL I would suggest that you ACCEPT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF NANAIMO. WE VOTED YOU IN WITH THE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD ALWAYS PUT THE PUBLIC'S GOOD AHEAD OF PRIVATE BUSINESS'S PROFIT.

Council members Ten to Twenty years down the road hopefully, you will be able to look in the mirror and say YES, I ALWAYS PUT THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST AHEAD OF PRIVATE INTERESTS.

We hear, see and know that there is a shortage of affordable housing. BUT we have NEVER EVER heard or seen a SHORTAGE OF CARS OR CAR DEALERSHIPS.

I URGE YOU NOT TO APPROVE THS REZONING APPLICATION RA000397.

I would like to hand in this submission and have it be part of the public record.

I would be happy to take any questions you may have.

Thank you, Helena Hiltz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helena Hiltz".