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From: **City Council** Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Don MacFarlane - Opposition to Willows Admendment - CK 4131-24 **Attachments:** attention\_city\_council.docx From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2021 7:30 PM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Don MacFarlane - Opposition to Willows Admendment - CK 4131-24 --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Sunday, November 21, 2021 - 19:30 Submitted by user: Submitted values are: Date Sunday, November 21, 2021 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Don Last Name MacFarlane Phone Number Address - 401 Cartwright St City SASKATOON **Province Saskatchewan** Postal Code S Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) MacFarlane Family - Willows Community Subject Willows Amendment - Opposition Meeting (if known) City Council November 22, 2021 Comments I respectfully submit my letter in opposition to Dream Development's Application to amend the Proposed Willows Concept Plan, Official Community Plan and DCD4 Zoning. I plan to attend in person but do not plan to speak. Attachments attention city council.docx Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

**ATTENTION:** City of Saskatoon Mayor, Councillors and City Clerk.

**REFERENCE:** Council Meeting – November 22, 2021.

**OPPOSITION TO:** Proposed Willows Concept Plan, Official Community Plan and DCD4 Amendments.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I strongly oppose Dream Developments' proposed amendments to the original approved Willows Concept Plan. The original plan for phase I and II is what was promoted to us when we purchased at The Willows. We bought on the basis that it was and would be a "quiet, residential, golf community with no commercial development except for the golf course. Obviously, the owners of the proposed hotel and spa want into The Willows neighborhood for the same reason but apparently could care less if the serenity and quietness of our neighborhood is destroyed in the process. Dream is in it solely for the money, not caring about their earlier promises, and it appears that the City of Saskatoon is in it for the same reason – the additional and substantial tax revenue.

Approving the proposed amendments would have the following <u>destructive and negative</u> <u>effects</u>:

- Destroy the peace and quiet of The Willows neighborhood
- Push traffic use beyond the limits of Cartwright Street as it now exists which is incapable of being expanded to meet the increased flow.
- Increase the population of The Willows way beyond its original designed and proposed limits.
- Add a major hotel and commercial developments in the middle of quiet neighborhood when most other neighborhoods have their commercial and hotel development restricted to the perimeter.
- Allow for a commercial neighborhood node.
- Downsize new lots to enable the developer to sell more lots, more houses, more people, more traffic, more tax revenue, etc.
- Change to Fee Simple lots from Bare Land Condos. The logic in this escapes me unless they now realize that having houses as Bare Land Condos was a mistake in Phase I. I think that having a mix of both in the same neighborhood will be a Real Estate disaster in the future.
- Failure to direct all Phase II traffic onto Lorne Avenue, along with the extra traffic from the commercial development will push traffic on Cartwright Street beyond reasonable limits.

I and around 80% of my neighbors do not want commercial development of any kind in the centre of our quiet, peaceful community. I respectfully ask city council to **not approve Dream's proposed amendments** to the original, approved Willows Concept Plan.

We want to retain the peace, quiet and serenity of our special neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Don R. MacFarlane -401 Cartwright Street Saskatoon, SK.