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Hello - I'm the immediate next door neighbor to the south of Linda Southwell, and have been aware of her wish to find a solution for shared use of her family's property for some time. I moved to the island full time in December, 2016. My house, 43 Dragon Run, is Lot 2 of the Island Camp Preserve development, and at .55 of an acre, the smallest of all the originally built Island Camp lots (1.29, 1.00, .89, .81, .77 and .55).

I first met Linda about 4 or 5 years ago, and learned from the start of her long family history here. With that knowledge, her intent behind this change request seems eminently reasonable and certainly fair, given the density of the properties surrounding her, as well as thoughtful re: limiting impacts on those around her. She's explained her approach to siting a second house on the property, with the intention of the least disruption to neighboring homes, as well as privacy and view for the new house. Given all that, it seems both fair and reasonable to allow a property split, thus I'm supportive of her change request.

I'm aware that the Planning Commission will be considering amending the Comprehensive Plan Official Map for Lopez Island tomorrow. Since I'm unable to attend in person or online, thought it best to resend my comments, originally submitted for the August Planning Commission meeting, to ensure that my voice is heard.

Thank you,

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