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August 29, 2024  
Via Email

Mark Tomkins, Interim DCD Director  
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Re: Comment Letter on Shaw Island Public Works Property Redesignation  
and SEPA 202403563 DNS issued on August 15, 2024

Dear Mr. Tomkins and Ms. Cassam,

I hope this letter finds you both well.

Please consider this comment letter in your review of the request of Public Works to redesignate a Rural Residential parcel on Shaw Island to Rural Industrial. We own property within a short distance of 1427 Neck Point Road and would be directly affected by the redesignation.

We are requesting that the Determination of Nonsignificance be withdrawn so that an informative Environmental Checklist could be provided to us as affected landowners. The environmental checklist provided with the application simply states that there are no impacts known because the application is only for a change on the official map. However, the purpose of the redesignation is to create an industrial site in our residential neighborhood, something that would have significant impacts on our daily lives.

As a simple example, the applicant's answer to the question "What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?" is "The proposal is for Land Use Redesignation,

which will not cause the removal or alteration of vegetation. “ Since the application includes a map showing a “Material Disposal Area” of .75 acres where there is now a standing forest and an “Equipment Storage” site which is densely forested, this answer is plainly wrong.

A second simple example is the applicant’s answer to the question “What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed?” The applicant’s answer is “none,” yet the attached map of the project shows a “Burn Area” where materials would be burned, producing emissions to the air of some kind and duration. We cannot comment on this because we are not told what the Burn Area is for, what would be burned, and when and how often.

The fact that the parcel is in a critical aquifer recharge area is disclosed but nothing is proposed to protect the recharge area from industrial uses. Most of the answers are “Not known” or “None.”

We are unable to comment in a relevant and factual matter without the information that SEPA requires to be disclosed. We request that a new, informed, and complete environmental checklist be prepared for our community. We request that this be done immediately to avoid the \$600 filing fee for an appeal that we should not have to make.

Sincerely,

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