

Save Bothell Newsletter May 5 2023

Everyone,

Thank you to all who added your names to the Change.org petition for Ambleside. Any of you who signed have probably received an update on their progress-that the developer agreed to not build the 1,000 ft sewer line which will preserve trees and environmental areas, and they added nearly 300 signatures after I emailed our newsletter, (whether all from us or not, we don't know), to be even closer to their 10,000 signature goal.

For SaveBothell, I have continued to write letters to the County representatives, and below is what I know at this time.

The Deputy Fire Marshall let us know that it will still be a few months (most likely) before the county will be done reviewing NP's plans from their third submittal.

Then, below is an excerpt from a response letter I received from Joshua Machen regarding my letter pressing PDS to follow written code on the variance issue,

"With regards to the other 'materially relevant and significant impacts' you refer to, those are also still under review. We have professional engineers and reviewers reviewing the submitted plans and studies regarding stormwater runoff, geotechnical stability and traffic. A final decision and SEPA threshold determination on this project and its potential impacts will not be issued until all the County reviewers have completed their analysis of the project and the applicants have had their opportunity to address potential impacts."

Both of those emails seem to indicate we are still a few months off from the PDS making their final decisions. However, we at SaveBothell are not slacking off on our pressing PDS to follow the lawful codes.

My response to Mr. Machen's above quote, is okay PDS is reviewing, then the applicant (Northpoint) gets another comment time, but what about ALL OF US. WE are the MOST affected negatively in this entire process, so WE need to let them know our position and input. It is very troubling that WE are not considered in the discussion - we have been told PDS may have a public hearing only AFTER they permit. That seems so wrong!

We were told that the NP application is a Type 1 permit, and those do not allow for citizen participation. We were told the best way was to keep letting them know of our concerns. So, we have been and will continue to do so.

Our next response as a community is another letter/petition, like the first one of 500 signatures that we did last Aug., 2022.

We have voiced our objections on traffic, variance, landslide hazard, run-off, bioswale incursions, 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. W extension, parking reduction problems, chemical pollutants, critical area incursions, and methane hazards.

Please send me a message if there are other concerns you have that we have not yet addressed.

Please too let me know which of the list are the top three MOST concerning to you. None of them are secured in our favor yet, not even the 11<sup>th</sup> Ave extension.

We need your input so that we can categorize the issues on our community letter/petition.

We are finalizing our draft with legal counsel and will be gathering signatures May 17-24. If you can help in your neighborhood to gather signatures, please let me know asap.

Thank you for staying in the fight with us representing your concerns and your neighborhoods.

Please donate. This work and the experts' reports we need written for the appeal process do not come free.

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Thank you from all of us at SaveBothell,  
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