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Subject: FW: Letter from Lauren Jaye and Bill Robinson to Town Council and Planning Commission

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Dear Town council members and planning commission,

We have several concerns we would like to bring up for consideration at upcoming town council and commission meetings. We have lived in La Conner since 1984 and feel that community input to support our wonderful quality of life is very important. Thank you for considering the following:

- We would like to propose that options for the soon-to-be-purchased Jensen property include options for a greenway, tree nursery or community gardens. Open space in the town has diminished in the past few years and the housing density adjacent to the Jensen property is significant. We would like to raise the issue of drainage; this property is in the hundred year flood zone. In addition, our experience of living adjacent to the Jensen property for many years is that it is a seasonal wetland. If the direction of development is to increase hardscape we feel that drainage and wetland conditions should be strongly considered.

We have concerns about the use of Park Street for ingress and egress. Our understanding is that the Channel Cove PURD does not allow for full right of way access to this property. In addition, use of Park Street would severely impact our house, garage and shed which have been in place for many years.

- We support empowerment of the Planning Commission to handle **all** conditional use permits, instead of it being determined solely by the town planner.
- We feel it is important that agricultural land setback be 25 feet whether in town or on port property
- Please consider the code for tiny homes be integrated into code for affordable housing, not in a separate category
- Our comprehensive plan recommends a density of 8.7 units per acre. We strongly question the town planner's recommendation for a density of 18 units per acre (eg. 306 Center St property)

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren Jaye and Bill Robinson

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