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Subject: Benchlands development

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing again to express my concerns for the Benchlands development. I have been a homeowner in Pemberton since 2003. I have watched the town grow and change and am proud of how far we have come.

I have noticed the increase in traffic especially backing up into the roundabout and beyond. I have significant concerns about the amount of traffic and congestion that this new development will create. This also plays into my concerns that if there was an emergency that access to services would be delayed because there is no alternative route and not a lot of space for traffic to move over.

I also have concerns that this development will place increased demands on our school system. I have sat on the Signal Hill PAC and am concerned that our school is also reaching capacity and in order for a new school to be built, Signal Hill would have to use all available classroom space, meaning the school would lose the library and fine arts room, as well as having to move the grade 7's back to the high school. Our current students would be asked to sacrifice their already taxed system.

The increase in population brought by this development will also put more wear on our health care facility. What plan is then in place to expand and serve the new community members?

I urge you to consider the importance of the impact that this size of development will have on Pemberton as we know it.

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