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Message to Mayor & Council: *I sent in a previous submission yesterday but sent the wrong draft of the letter I wrote, I would ask that this letter be used to represent what I would like to say as the previous was a rough collection of thoughts mistakenly sent* thank you

I am writing today to strongly oppose the development application on the Willow drive side of the 7471 Urdal for subdivision.

Living on the edge of this riparian area and flood water catchment for the past 18 years gives me a unique insight from years of observation on what could be at risk if this development is allowed to be built on the Willow drive side of the Arn canal.

First would be the imminent flood risk to us and the properties along the canal, this is my main concern. The catchment behind us drops approx 6ft, when the water flows back up the Arn from an over extended Lillooet river, or even in heavy rain events, it disperses and fills the area spanning the few acres behind our house, this dispersal saves us from our homes being underwater due to rising water levels, we have seen water come directly to the back of our property right to our fence line. A few years ago the Village approved a permit for a neighbor on the street next to ours to fill in a section of this area that was in their property alongside the train tracks, then issued a stop work order. Since that fill was added the water has come up higher than it ever had before, maybe the flood risk was the reason they put in. stop work order. We have lived here for 18 years and have been closely tracking water levels.

With the Arn being protected no dredging or dykes can be implemented to mitigate this risk, no building within 30 meters on the Arn up here, would most certainly increase our flood risk . If fill is loaded into the area to bring it up to building code for a flood plain it would disperse the water in such a way it would cause imminent flooding. If you need reference just look at the 2024 and 2021 flood evacuation map, you will see the most flood effected area is exactly where they are proposing to build on this side of the canal. In 2021 the dyking district was watching the water levels intermittently from our property because it was the most effective place to see how high the water was coming up.

The second issue I bring up is the abundance of wildlife we have in this area, it is an estuary of sorts. Frogs, deer, bears, herons, mice, birds etc it is a home to all. In a rapidly dwindling environment it is, not only a place that keeps us safe from flooding, it is a safe haven for the animals that live there as well.

Lastly, my family and neighbours are directly affected by this development as the right of way that the Village approved back in 1997 for this is directly through my driveway, if construction were to be allowed it would cause a tremendous disturbance to our home, and the homes around us, due to the proximity of the access to our house and neighbouring houses.

I would ask that you consider would I want this to happen in my home? Would I want my home to be put in imminent flood risk? Would I want to see my neighbors put in that risk as well? Would I want to live directly in a construction zone?

I ask that mayor and council to represent the people who will be affected by this and not approve this development, or if there is any way to request to amend the development proposal to develop only the Urdal side of the property where it is already set up for that.

We are tax paying residents, homeowners, we are neighbours, who are at imminent flooding risk and we should be primarily considered over developments that could harm us, greed and a need to push through housing without proper considerations.

Please consider what I have written here. It is with all seriousness that I ask for help in a dire situation. We fear for our homes.

Natalie Livermore

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