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Dear Mayor van den Broek,

I am writing to express my concern about the draft Official Community Plan, including the draft Nicomekl River District Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, I am concerned about point 6.18 on page 32, which refers to allowing Ground-Oriented Development on 200A Street between 50 Avenue and 50A Avenue.

This is a well-kept single-family neighbourhood. And, it truly is a neighbourhood. We know each other and take pleasure in watching over the neighbourhood children and seniors alike. We lend a helping hand when needed, and offer, even when not asked. During Covid we took care of everyone. We went shopping for those who were more at risk. We had small outdoor gatherings, socially distanced, to keep the spirits up for those who were not able to go out, and to watch over the children and make sure they were entertained. I can't tell you how many times that people came into the area, to either do work, or visit their friends and have them say..... "Your neighbour brings you tea? You and your neighbours talk? Your neighbours help you. You have a yearly neighbourhood street bbq? I live in Langley, and no one in our area talks or does that." It truly is a special area.

Allowing townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, and quadruplexes will destroy the character of the neighbourhood and create excessive traffic. Land assembly efforts will lead to homes becoming run-down rental properties while awaiting development. Parking is already a significant concern, which would only become worse if development occurs. As well, it is quite dangerous turning onto 200A from 50 avenue, due to a steep slope on 50 Avenue between 200 and 200A. When I moved here 16 years ago, I thought 200A was an alley. Two cars can barely pass each other, and it is even worse if it is a truck. To add more traffic is just dangerous all around.

On February 9, 2021 a petition with over 50 signatures was forwarded to the Mayor and City Council, protesting any change in future zoning for 200A Street between 50 and 50A.

Please respect the wishes of the residents of this area and remove point 6.18 from the draft Nicomekl River District Neighborhood Plan (this has been re-numbered as point 6.17 in the amended Nicomekl River District Neighborhood Plan being considered at the May 31 City Council meeting).

It is nice that 200 street will be a corridor to the sky train, but that is something we too can use.

Sincerely,
Laurel Cesari