

Dear Mayor and Council and the Hillside Quadra NAC c/o Jon Munn:

My husband and I received a notice related to the evergreen terrace development due to our home, the only residential house left on our side of Bay street within the blanshard to Quadra to Kings rd block, being within 100 metres of the proposed development.

The idea of having affordable, supportive rental spaces in addition to new rental housing, along with accessible public spaces is highly encouraged and applauded. We are long-term residents of Victoria, and I myself benefitted from the support of subsidized housing when I was a young, single parent in the community. Now, as a professional in the community, and a homeowner and taxpayer, I see the value of ensuring that mixed housing (i.e., subsidized, market rate and open cost) is offered, rather than only low-income housing. The benefits of sharing space and community within the full economic spectrum helps to encourage community understanding, respect and empowerment.

My hope is that there are also spaces for businesses on the first floor - even better - a market style space where micro-businesses (generally immigrants, those just starting out, etc.) can share kitchen and washroom facilities, while having a low-cost booth program to encourage burgeoning creatives, cooks and others to try their hand at businesses without the pressure of downtown lease costs, etc. Similar to a farmers market, but with an all-year-long vibe. Not like the Hudson Market - more like the old-school Hillside mall space - like granville island or others. Additionally, a community kitchen space that encourages people to learn how to cook healthy meals, etc. would also be great.

My one concern is the re-homing of all the people currently living in the evergreen terrace space. If there is a plan to support the respectful rehoming of its residents, that would benefit the community and the reputation of the developer equally.

The vision for Quadra Village is a good one - and my hope is that we will embrace the diversity - cultural, economic, gender, and others - to encourage a strong, proud and vibrant Village. This proposed space takes up a lot of the physical area in the community, and the vibe will be make or break for the village!

Thank you for inviting feedback,

Sincerely,

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Morningstar Pinto