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**From:** Holly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** December 5, 2023 7:58 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Input regarding Development Permit No. 00253

My name is Holly Brown, and I'm writing regarding Permit No. 00253 for the land at 965 Cowichan Street. I live across the street at 960 Cowichan Street. I wanted to submit these written comments to be published on the agenda for consideration at the meeting of Council.

We're not opposed to our neighbour improving their property, but my husband and I both work from home. I'm a therapist who conducts all sessions via video from my home office. Our concern is about how much noise there would be and over what length of time, given how potentially disruptive it could be to our work. If I'm forced to cancel clients, I'd be losing significant income; if I'm cancelling them repeatedly, my clients could choose to find another therapist, which could result in a negative reputation and long-term damage to my business.

So I'm hoping that when this permit application is discussed, you could consider the following questions:

- 1) If the permit is approved, when will construction commence? How long is it expected to go on?
- 2) I assume there are different phases of the work, some louder than others. Will neighbours be consulted about the scheduling of the loudest work? For example, could it be done on weekends rather than during traditional business hours?
- 3) Would neighbours receive ample notice about the days and hours when work is likely to be very loud?
- 4) If there are days when it's so loud that neighbours can't do their work, will we be eligible for some sort of compensation?

Thank you very much for allowing me to comment. Look forward to learning more!

Sincerely,  
Holly Brown

**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** December 12, 2023 9:11 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** FW: Written commentary: 965 Cowichan St. development permit w/variance

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Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 10:51 AM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Written commentary: 965 Cowichan St. development permit w/variance

Hello mayor and council,

My name is Brian Vatne, and I'm writing to you to provide **my support** for the proposed development permit with variance at 965 Cowichan St for a garden suite on the property.

I live a couple houses down at 957 Cowichan St. I reviewed the materials on the city's development tracker and have no problem with what's being proposed. I consider the variances to be minor and inconsequential; I think what they're proposing doesn't feel any different than the other garden suites that are also facing Redfern St. (I own one of them, 942 Redfern).

Also, considering the recent passing of the Missing Middle Housing Initiative and proposed provincial government actions to increase density (which I support), this proposed development is very modest in comparison. And in my opinion, your existing garden suite policy should make it possible that projects like this can just be approved by staff without the mayor/council having to spend time on this. It should be an automatic approval.

In summary, we need more housing and this is a very modest proposal - you should approve this project.

Thank you for considering my perspective - and for your dedication to serving our community.

Brian Vatne  
957 Cowichan St