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Subject: Objection to Rezoning of Harbord Hotel

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed rezoning of the Harbord Hotel, which I understand is currently under consideration. While I have supported the recent renovations at the Harbord Hotel and appreciate the improvements being made, I am deeply concerned about the implications of rezoning the area.

Firstly, I want to emphasize that the Harbord Hotel is situated in a primarily residential area of Freshwater. It is crucial that this character is preserved to maintain the quality of life for local residents. Rezoning this area could set a troubling precedent that might lead to further commercial encroachment, potentially disrupting the residential harmony that defines our community.

Additionally, I would like to address the matter of public transport, which has been cited in the planning proposal. Of the three bus services mentioned, only one—the 167—provides consistent and relevant service to the location. The 705N operates as a single school service at 3:10 PM on weekdays, and the 165X is a limited city express service available only on weekdays. These services do not adequately support the proposed rezoning, given their limited frequency and scope.

Moreover, parking on Charles Street is already a significant concern. Even during the winter months and on weeknights, finding parking has become increasingly challenging. The addition of more commercial activity as a result of rezoning will exacerbate these issues, further straining an already overwhelmed parking situation.

As a patron of the Harbord Hotel, I want to clarify that my objection to the rezoning is not a reflection of disapproval of the hotel's renovations. Instead, it is driven by a concern for the well-being of our local community and the preservation of its residential character. Rezoning could have detrimental effects on the local residents and set a dangerous precedent for future developments in our area.

I respectfully request that the Council reconsider the rezoning proposal in light of these concerns. Protecting the residential nature of our community should be a priority to ensure that Freshwater remains a vibrant and livable neighborhood for all its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacey Holden

Resident 16 Charles Street, Freshwater

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