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Subject: Empire Club Development. RZ001157

Dear Mayor, Council and Planning Department

As residents of 32 years, happily living directly across Nita Lake from the proposed Empire Club Development (ECD) we are deeply concerned about their re-zoning application RZ001157.

We recognize that further development in Whistler is inevitable.

We strongly support all initiatives to provide a generous amount of employee housing throughout the valley provided that it is immediately adjacent to public transportation routes and is affordable.

The information available on this proposed development raises serious concerns about DENSITY AND DESIGN.

It is essential the density and design reflect the "Mountain Resort Aesthetic" of the area.

We do NOT APPROVE of this application if it becomes an urban style housing complex as seen at Rainbow. Adequate green space and mature trees are abundant throughout Creekside neighbourhoods and must be a feature of this proposed new development. The general ambience is much more important than a specific small park space. Most of Whistler is a park. The imperative is for housing to be in a park like setting as is the adjacent established neighbourhood and all of Creekside.

We trust the Council and Planning Department will properly address all environmental and aesthetic issues and ensure that access to the site will not have a negative impact on the neighbouring properties.

The issues of density and design are of vital importance to maintain the "Spirit of Creekside".

Regards
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