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District of Central Saanich
Planning Department
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Subject: Formal Objection to Zoning By-law Amendment and Opposition to Seasonal Farm Camping.

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to formally object to the zoning by-law amendment application seeking to allow permanent seasonal farm camping at 1117 Greig Avenue, Brentwood Bay. We have previously voiced our strong objections to the granting of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for this property, as well as to the request to expand the number of camping spots permitted. Unfortunately, our concerns have not only materialized but have grown more serious over time.

Currently, individuals who neither live nor work on the property are camping in tents on the front lawn of the residence. These individuals are strangers to our neighbourhood and have created a number of troubling impacts on our community. We have experienced:

- * Campers drinking and smoking on our property.
- * Incidents of eggs and money going missing from our farm stand (during 'camping season').
- * Increasing amounts of garbage being left on our property and in Gore Park, a rare Gary Oak Reserve.
- * Noticeably more traffic, noise and disruption.
- * A marked increase in the number of unfamiliar and transient individuals frequenting our quiet residential area.

This quiet residential neighbourhood was not intended to host tent camping for transient visitors. The ongoing nature of this camping activity is highly concerning. It directly impacts the safety, appearance and overall character of our community. Front yards are not meant for permanent habitation or camping purposes and such use is disruptive to the residential environment that we, as homeowners and long-term residents, rightfully expect and depend on.

Moreover, this situation raises serious and legitimate concerns about sanitation, safety and security and the long-term stability of property values in the area. Allowing the zoning amendment to proceed would set a dangerous precedent that could lead to the gradual deterioration of our neighbourhood's character and quality of life.

We are particularly alarmed by the request to bypass the TUP renewal process every three years. The TUP process is crucial for ensuring regular oversight, accountability and public input. Granting a permanent camping approval would remove these important safeguards, leaving the community vulnerable to ongoing and worsening problems.

For these reason, we strongly urge the Mayor, Council and Planning Department to deny the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Seasonal farm camping is simply not appropriate in this location, and allowing it would cause continued and irreversible harm to our neighbourhood and Park.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will act in the best interest of the community and uphold the standards that protect residential neighbourhoods like our.

Sincerely,

Daryl and Linda Blake



Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, "Linda Blake", is written in a cursive style. The second signature, "Daryl Blake", is also in cursive and appears more stylized.