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To: The Whatcom County Planning Commission

From: Kathy Berg, Chair
The Birch Bay Steering Committee
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RE: File #CMP2008-00002: Adoption of a new Foothills Subarea Plan and related Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments.

As one who has participated in a very similar and successful community planning process over a similar time period of about 4 years with very similar and relatively wide spread community participation, I fervently hope you will appreciate and respect the effort that has resulted in the Foothills Subarea Plan.

The Plan is a well thought out, thoroughly and uniquely devised community vision and framework within which to judge potential growth and development. The always civil process allowed all persons and ideas to be heard and considered in an atmosphere of respect, responsibility and resourcefulness. Hopefully, this Plan will be a dynamic document that will change and improve over time as it is implemented. The people of the Foothills and Whatcom County don't need another piece of shelf art!

While all who participated may not agree on every detail, I believe they would agree that it is better to plan ahead than it is to continue to develop and grow without some coordinated thought and consideration for potential consequences, intended and unintended. It has been the Birch Bay experience that growth is inevitable, whether we like it or not, therefore it is much better to plan and grow well than not to plan at all.

Thank you for your, and their, time and effort to help make Whatcom County a better place to live, work and play.