

Re: Applicant comment for the record public hearing LP-22-00003 Haybrook Farm Phase 3

September 20, 2022

Dear Hearing Examiner

As applicant, I submit the following comments.

These comments are submitted not as evidence in the pending application, but as an expression of community and property owner's status in the City of Ellensburg UGA and airport overlay. Policy compliant with growth management has to follow law and rules. Part of the tenets of growth management is public participation. I would offer government has failed its citizens on many levels in listening to citizens and the people who actually must plat and build homes.

Who are we? Matt Willard and Steve Willard are co-managers of Haybrook Landholdings LLC. Matt Willard is owner of Town & Country Homes and has been an active builder in Kittitas County and the City of Ellensburg since 2003. Matt has been President of Central Washington Home Builders more than once and has been involved in BIAW (Builder Industry Association of Washington) and is current legislative lead on the Board of Directors of BIAW for the State of Washington. Steve Willard has been a residential and commercial developer for over fifty years. Steve has served on the Kittitas County Planning Commission, served on county and city commissions writing county and city code for all land use categories. Steve in his working capacity has changed law use decisions twice before the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board once going to Washington State Supreme Court and prevailed. We have both been tirelessly working with city and county staff serving on committees for twenty years. Our goal is to achieve proper solutions at law that serve the public and private interests and are compliant with growth management.

Very few private business people have the time, interest, energy, or desire to fix problems existing in code so that county and city government can function as hoped. We care but it is exhausting, and we find often we do not have good listeners or collaborative partners in government. We don't give up or we wouldn't still be here. We are here trying to provide private enterprise input to complicated and often conflicting policy issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain who we are in offering our voice to not only this application but the greater complex issues that require thoughtfully written policy.

Respectfully Submitted


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