From: chris.jack@yahoo.com
To: Lauren Anderson
Subject: DEV17-001
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Hi Ms Anderson,

We are writing to object to the proposed fence and gate height deviation (DEV17-001) for the property at 6753 W Mercer Way. We live directly across the street at 6740 W Mercer Way and have a direct view onto the area in which the taller fence and gate would be built. We and many of our neighbors moved to this area of Mercer Island because of the woodsy "island feel" of the neighborhood, characterized by deep house setbacks and extensive, mostly native front landscaping. Few properties have front fences and none have gates (with the exception of Paul Allen's property, which is unique). We want to maintain the character of the neighborhood for those who live here now and for future generations.

The owner of the property at 6753 W Mercer Way has already been granted an impervious surface coverage variance, wedged an oversized 9,000+ sq ft house right up to the lot lines, and built to within a fraction of an inch of Mercer Island's generous 30' roof height limit. In general, this property if being developed obtrusively and with disregard for the character of the neighborhood.

MICC 19.15.020(G)(5) states: Deviation. a. No use deviation shall be allowed; b. The granting of the deviation will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or **injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity** and zone in which the property is situated; c. The granting of the deviation will not **alter the character of the neighborhood**, nor impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property; and d. The deviation is consistent with the policies and provisions of the comprehensive plan and the development code.

Granting the deviation applied for in DEV17-001 would violate MICC 19.15.020(G)(5) by being "materially detrimental" and "injurious" to our property at 6740 W Mercer Way, and more importantly would "alter the character of the neighborhood".

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris Jack & Petra Jennings
6740 W Mercer Way