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Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Chris Misner
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Subject: RE: Comment on Highlands Project and EIR

Hi Chris,

The County has considered the requests from interested members of the public for a 15-day extension of the scheduled June 17, 2021 close of the public review period for the Highland Estates EIR Addendum. The request has been granted to allow the public more time to review the EIR Addendum and appendices, with the County's decision on the project modification request to be made after July 2, 2021.

Thanks

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Dear County Supervisors and The Planning & Building Dept,

I am writing to strongly object to proposed changes to several aspects of the new construction project in a sensitive area of the Highlands. I am appealing to your courage and leadership to step in and put this project back on the correct path.

To keep this brief I will focus on the fact separately and in aggregate **the proposed changes cannot be dismissed as "minor modifications."** The grading plan, the size of dwellings, and the documented presence of endangered species are significant by any common sense and legal definition, and should therefore follow the review process for major modifications.

Some key points for your attention:

- 1) **The grading plan is now more than double** the original on a hill with documented slides and unstable geology. How is double defined as "minor"?
- 2) While the EIR stated that the site was not habitat for the White Tailed Kite, that bird in fact is a found here. Other residents will no doubt send you pictures of this magnificent creature.
- 3) **The developer has an unfortunate track record of misleading the County and the Highlands** - please see the attached photo comparison of elevations promised to the County vs what was actually built. This is just one example among many other violations of trust. Why should this developer be gifted the benefits of a "minor modification" review when they cannot even live up to their earlier written promises in less sensitive areas of the Highlands?

I urge you to step in to put the County on firm legal and political ground and require that this project **follow the process for major modifications.**

Should you have any questions about my comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you and best regards,

- Chris Misner