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Town of Southold Planning Board
Southold Town Planning Department
54375 NYS Route 25
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Dear Sirs:

RE: Proposed Zoning change for the Fishers Island School's 2.4 acre parcel of land at the intersection of Winthrop and Equestrian Avenues, Fishers Island, New York.

This letter is to let you know that we do not agree with the request for a zoning change on the above parcel and urge the Town Planning Department to deny the request. If such a change is granted, it will send a clear message to developers, whether they be aggressive real estate developers or ones with more noble charitable goals, that it is open season for challenging and changing the Town's Zoning Laws.

With neighboring properties zoned for single family homes, the proposed zoning change to allow the development of 8 units is unreasonable and will adversely impact the neighborhood, add increased traffic to an already congested area and increase safety concerns for all residents in the area. If granted, what is to stop all property owners on the West end of Fishers Island from requesting zoning changes to allow them to build Airbnb rentals or in-law apartments on their properties too?

In conclusion, the proposal might build more rental, transient housing while strengthening indentured servitude on Fishers Island but it does not help build community there. We urge the Planning Board of the Town of Southold and the Town of Southold to deny the proposed zoning change.

With thanks again for the opportunity to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

Lucius and Rhonda Fowler