

Crystal View Neighborhood

Poulsbo, WA

July 04, 2025

City of Poulsbo Building Department

200 NE Moe Street

Poulsbo, WA 98370

RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD Adjacent to Crystal View - Request for Compliance with PMC 18.260.070 (A) and (B).

Dear Building Department Officials,

We, the undersigned residents of the Crystal View neighborhood, respectfully submit this letter to raise concerns regarding the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Planned Residential Development (PRD) directly adjacent to our community. We urge the City to ensure full compliance with Poulsbo Municipal Code 18.260.070, which establishes specific site design criteria for PRDs located next to existing single-family neighborhoods like ours.

Section A - Lot Size Compatibility at the Perimeter

Crystal View was developed using traditional subdivision standards, and the three lots directly bordering the proposed PRD are each greater than 7,500 square feet, with the three adjacent lots on Crystallia Court measuring between 7,500.8sf to 8,383sf. According to PMC 18.260.070(A), a PRD "shall be designed and developed so as to be consistent with the single-family residential environment at its adjacent perimeter." The code empowers the review authority to require the PRD to match adjacent lot sizes, lot widths, and house scale as needed to preserve neighborhood character.

However, the PRD proposal for Pinnacle at Liberty Bay shows the adjacent lots at a much smaller scale, with five lots ranging from 3,781sf to 4,419sq in size to the adjoining three Crystal View lots. This stark difference does not meet the compatibility requirement and undermines the intent of the code to ensure thoughtful transitions between developments.

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We respectfully request that the City require revised perimeter lot designs that reflect compatible size, scale, and character with Crystal View's existing lots.

Section B - Inadequate Screening Measures

PMC 18.260.070(B) requires a PRD adjacent to a single-family zone to include screening provisions such as a six-foot sight-obscuring fence or a minimum 25-foot vegetated buffer. The proposed development includes only a 15-foot buffer and a six-foot wooden fence, which does not satisfy the 25-foot minimum buffer requirement. This insufficient screening further compounds concerns about visual and spatial compatibility.

We request that the City enforce the screening requirement in full and require either the minimum 25-foot vegetated buffer, or an equivalent alternative that fully meets the intent of the ordinance.

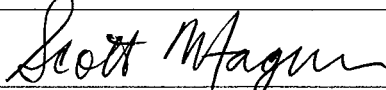
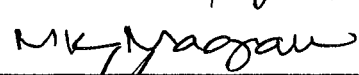
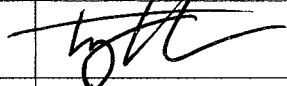
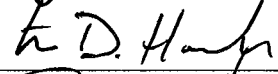


We appreciate the City's efforts to uphold the standards that protect the character of existing neighborhoods. Please ensure the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD is revised to comply with both subsections A and B of PMC 18.260.070. We welcome the opportunity to engage in further discussion and provide additional input if needed.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

Signature:

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| Scott Magraw | 1755 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |
| Mary Kay Magraw | 1755 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |
| Troy Hannah | 1767 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |
| Tracie Hannah | 1767 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |
| John Langley | 1783 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |
| Tracey Langley | 1783 NE Crystallia Ct. Poulsbo, WA 98370 |  |

From: [Tracie hannah](#)
To: [Tiffany Simmons](#); [Tracie hannah](#)
Subject: Request for Clarification on Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD Compliance with RL Zoning Standards
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:11:59 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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Dear Tiffany Simmons,

I am writing as a resident of the Crystal View neighborhood on NE Crystallia Court, which directly borders the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Subdivision and Planned Residential Development (PRD). Our homes face Liberty Bay, and the proposed development will sit directly behind my house and neighborhood, significantly impacting both our water views and property values.

While I understand and support responsible growth in Poulsbo, I have serious concerns that this proposal does not align with the requirements of the Residential Low (RL) zoning standards.

The developer is proposing a minimum lot size of 3,758 sq. ft. and an average lot size of 4,456 sq. ft. on approximately 42 acres zoned RL. However, under PMC 18.70.050 – Development standards in the RL zone, the code states:

“No lot less than the required RL minimum lot size (7,500 sq. ft.) may be placed adjacent to previously developed lots which meet the minimum lot size requirements.”

Our lots in Crystal View meet the RL zoning code requirement of 7,500 sq. ft. minimum lot size. The current proposal appears to conflict with this requirement if undersized lots are planned directly adjacent to our properties.

In addition, PMC 18.70.050 specifies that *all other development standards identified in Table 18.70.050 are required*, with limited alternative standards permitted:

- Lot width: 50 feet at the midpoint of the lot, with a minimum of 20 feet of frontage.
- Lot depth: 80 feet minimum.
- Maximum building height: *No building or structure may exceed 35 feet in height.*

The proposal indicates three-story homes ranging from 37 to 39 feet in height — and these taller homes appear to be placed only in the row directly in front of our Crystal View neighborhood, which would block existing water views and diminish property values by an estimated \$50,000 or more per home. This raises the question of why homes exceeding the 35-foot maximum are being considered at all, and why they are concentrated specifically where they will have the greatest negative impact on existing homeowners.

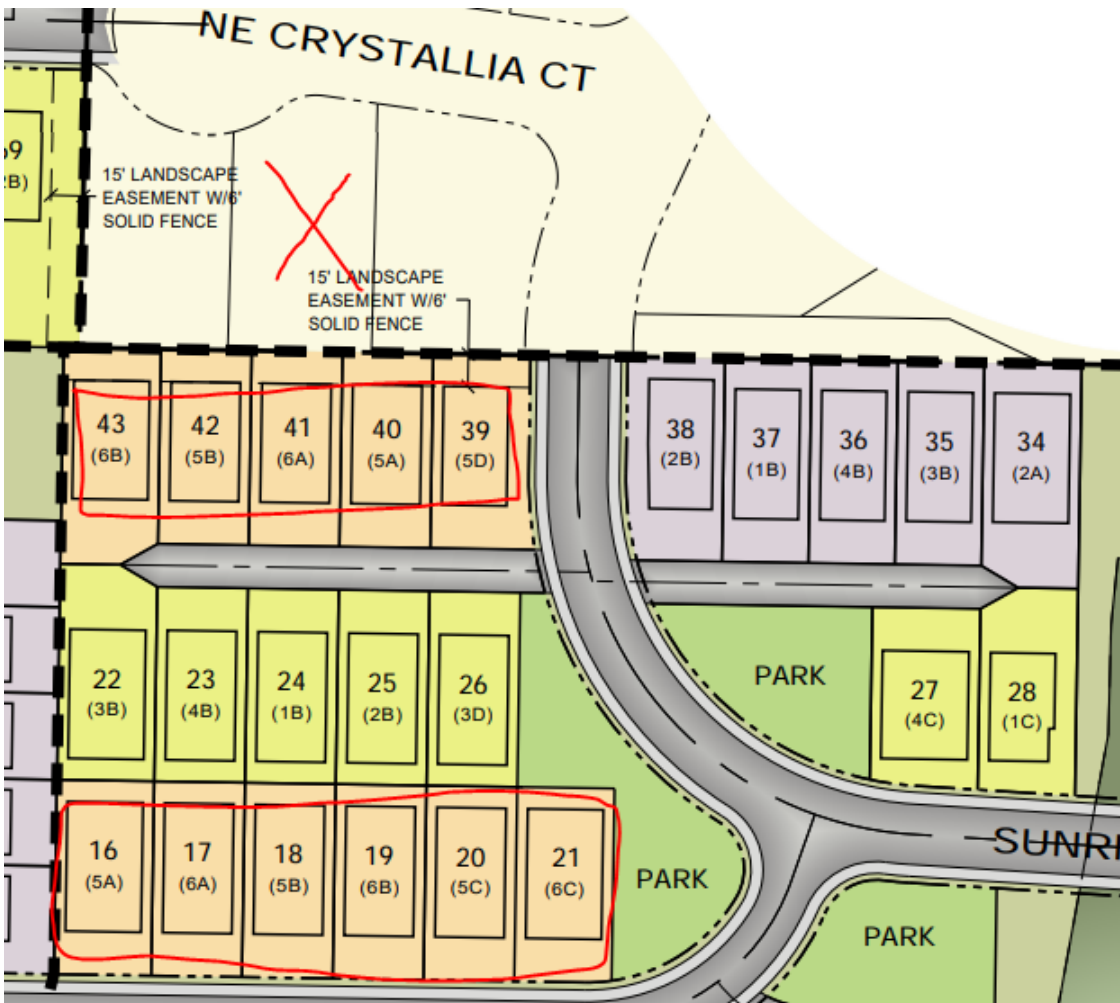
I recognize that under Poulsbo’s Planned Residential Development (PRD) provisions [PMC 18.260], developers are allowed flexibility in lot sizes and configurations in order to encourage creative design, open space preservation, and housing diversity. However, the intent of the PRD ordinance is not to waive base zoning protections entirely — particularly

adjacency standards, maximum building height, or other requirements specifically designed to protect existing neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I respectfully request clarification on the following:

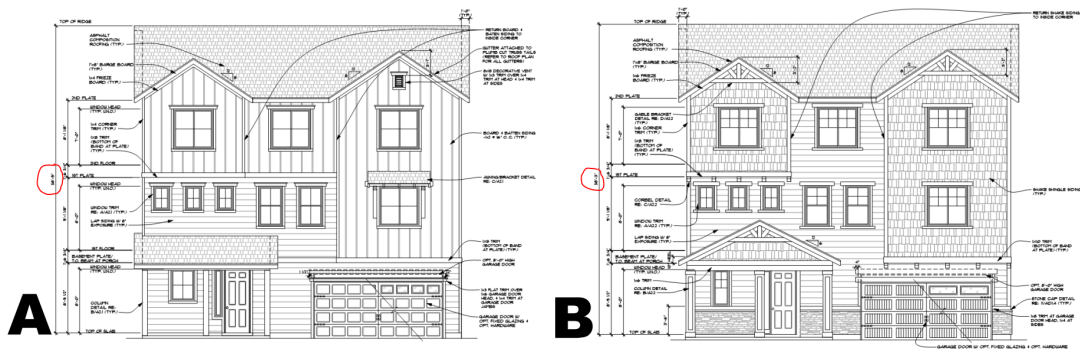
1. How does the proposed development plan comply with PMC 18.70.050, particularly regarding lot size adjacency requirements?
2. Will the City require that all lots adjacent to existing homes meeting the 7,500 sq. ft. minimum also meet this same standard?
3. How are the lot width (50 ft.), lot depth (80 ft.), and maximum building height (35 ft.) requirements being applied in the proposed site plan?
4. On what basis would homes taller than 35 feet (up to 39 feet) be permitted, when the RL zone code prohibits structures exceeding 35 feet?
5. How is the PRD flexibility being applied in this project, and what limits are in place to ensure it does not override fundamental RL standards meant to protect adjacent neighborhoods?
6. What process is in place to ensure that the developer's proposed standards are consistent with both the RL zone and PRD intent?
7. What opportunities will Crystal View residents have to formally review and comment on this proposal before any approvals are granted?

As directly impacted homeowners, we want to ensure city code is applied consistently and that neighborhood character, property values, and quality of life are protected. I appreciate your attention to this matter and respectfully request to be added to the official notification list for all hearings and actions related to the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay project.

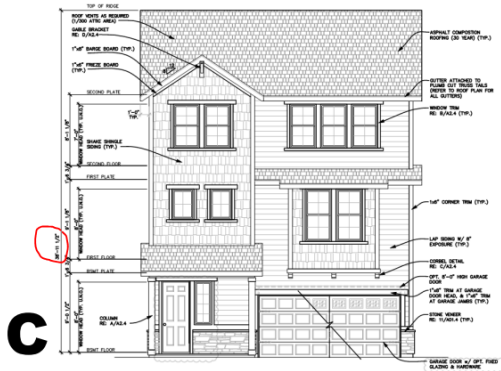
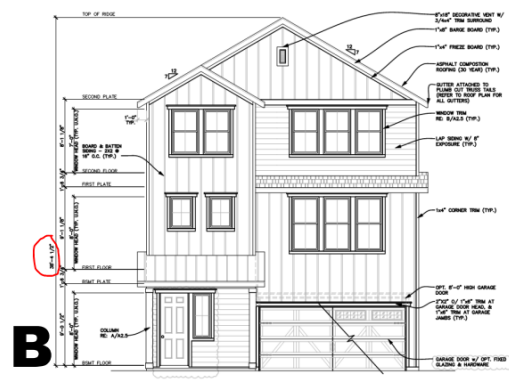
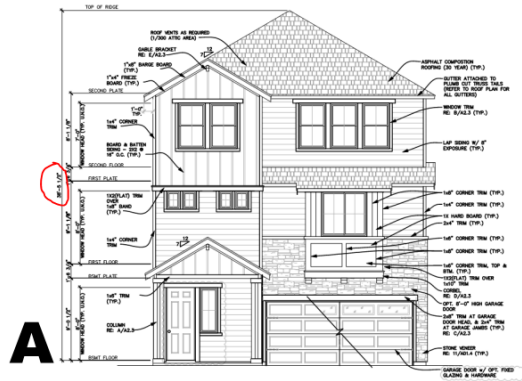


- 3 Story Houses

PLAN 6



PLAN 5



Sincerely,
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 Crystal View Neighborhood
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From: [kathy](#)
To: [Tiffany Simmons](#)
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay
Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025 1:18:26 PM
Attachments: [2025-10-Conserve-Water-and-Reduce-Irrigation.pdf](#)

On July 17, 2025, the residents of Poulsbo received a letter asking us to conserve on water. Letter attached.

With the addition of households at Pinnacle at Liberty Bay, Sandstone Ridge, Audrey Estates, and Johnson Ridge, and all the other proposed apartments and homes, the water problems will only increase. Please don't ignore this issue.

Also the traffic is already terrible on 305 traveling to Hwy 3. With all the proposed new neighborhoods plus the new apartments on 305, the traffic will be exponentially worse for the current residents. Please do NOT put in more traffic circles, it just adds to people's commutes.

Planning, please consider the current property tax payers before adding to their burden.

Thank you,

Crystal View resident

City of Poulsbo

Public Works Department



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 17, 2025

Contact: Ryan Golden, Public Works
(360) 779-4078
rgolden@cityofpoulsbo.com

Water Conservation Advisory

City Encourages Water Conservation and Reduced Irrigation as Temperatures Exceed 80 Degrees

The City of Poulsbo requests all customers make an effort to conserve water and reduce consumption during the next two weeks. The peak water usage during the past week has exceeded 2 million gallons per day. The heavy usage puts a strain on the water system and we currently have Lincoln Well #1 undergoing maintenance due to heavy use.

The following conservation actions are requested:

- **Peak water usage is from 6am to 9am** – if you are able to reduce your consumption during this time period it makes a difference
- Water your plants and lawn **after 7pm** and avoid irrigation during the morning and during heat of the day
- If you have an automatic irrigation system, consider setting the time to irrigate during the night (**10pm to midnight** or **2am to 4am**)
- **Irrigate every other day** instead of daily
- Most lawns and plants need approximately **1" of water weekly** to survive periods of heat – please reduce watering times to provide minimum water.
- **Turn off the tap** – save water.

Every effort to reduce water usage is appreciated. Please call us at (360) 779-4078 if you have questions.

From: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
To: [Ann Holt](#)
Cc: [Holt David](#); [Tiffany Simmons](#)
Subject: RE: Pinnacle Development
Date: Friday, August 29, 2025 8:34:00 AM

Thank you for your comment regarding the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay proposal. Your input has been received and will be added to the official public record for this project.

Your comment will also be forwarded to the project applicant for their review and response as part of the City's development review process.

You have been added to the public notice email list for this project and will receive future notifications as the project moves through the review process. You can also follow project updates, view submitted materials, and access public notices on the project website here: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/pinnacleatlibertybay/>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or would like additional information.

Best,

Nikole Coleman, AICP (she/her/hers)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Holt <annholt99@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 4:55 PM
To: Nikole CH. Coleman <ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com>
Cc: Holt David <davidholt12615@comcast.net>
Subject: Pinnacle Development

Ms. Coleman,

My husband and I attended the public meeting on 4/21 regarding the proposed Pinnacle Development adjacent to Bay Watch and Highway 305. Then yesterday we received a Notice of Land Use Development postcard in the mail. Our concerns are primarily about the increased traffic that will be entering the highway due to this proposed development. We and 6 other houses are across the highway from Baywatch and the access for our driveways is directly onto the highway. It can be very challenging to get out onto the highway now, and this development would make it much harder. If this goes forward, we would like to have a proper two way turn lane added to the highway so that we can legally and safely wait there until traffic is clear. We currently have to cross a double yellow line to turn into our driveway when heading north. Our driveway was here before Bay Watch was built and access for these driveways should have been accommodated at that time. We would appreciate the consideration now.

Thank you,
Ann & David Holt
17617 State Highway 305 NE
Poulsbo, WA
206-979-2533

From: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
To: [Terrie Lumsden](#)
Cc: [Tiffany Simmons](#)
Subject: RE: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay
Date: Friday, August 29, 2025 3:58:21 PM

Thank you for your comment regarding the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay proposal. Your input has been received and will be added to the official public record for this project.

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I will be addressing the lot sizes proposed adjacent to Crystal View as part of my request for revisions, which I intend to send to the applicant on September 8.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or would like additional information.

Best,

Nikole Coleman, AICP (she/her/hers)

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From: Terrie Lumsden <terrie_lumsden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 3:49 PM
To: Nikole CH. Coleman <ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com>
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay

Hi,

I live in the crystal view neighborhood. My question is why are you allowing such small lot sizes butted up to our neighborhood. I was under the understanding that our Neighborhoods would Mirror each other. So in other words simalar lot sizes and style of homes. This appears to have the houses crammed in next to each other. I see two propblems, one being the traffic and next parking. We don't have parking now in our neighborhood and add homes that are so close together will create a problem.

The next thing is home value. If we have homes on half the size of our lots our home values will go down.

I know development will hapen, but at what cost to existing home owners. When a neighborhood goes from a 7K + lot size into a neighborhood of 4K- neighborhood people will look past our neighborhood and think we are all overpriced when it coms to resale.

Thank you for your time,

Terrie Lumsden
17823 Sunrise Ridge Ave NE, Poulsbo

From: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
To: [Tiffany Simmons](#)
Subject: FW: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Housing Development Consultation, P-06-20-25-03
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 1:08:08 PM

Please add Taylor to the noticing list.

Thanks!

[Nikole Coleman, AICP \(she/her/hers\)](#)

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From: Taylor Harriman <THarriman@suquamish.nsn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Nikole CH. Coleman <ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com>
Cc: Stephanie Trudel <strudel@Suquamish.nsn.us>
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Housing Development Consultation, P-06-20-25-03

Hello Nikole,

Thank you for consulting with the Suquamish Indian Tribe and providing an opportunity for us to comment on the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Housing Development Project. The Suquamish Tribe's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the project area and identified multiple ethnographic placenames associated with the general project area. The project area is also considered to have a moderate probability to contain cultural resources according to DAHP's predictive model, and has never been surveyed. Given the project calls for extensive ground disturbance across a large area, the Suquamish Tribe requests that a professional archaeological survey be conducted prior to ground disturbing activities associated with the project. Please keep us updated as project schedules move forward.

Thank you,
Taylor Harriman

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September 1, 2025

Ms. Nikole Coleman
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RE: Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD

Refs:

- (1) 2_Pinnacle@LB Preliminary PRD Civil Plans (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)
- (2) 7_Pinnacle@LB SEPA Checklist (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)

Dear Ms. Coleman,

The undersigned live in the Crystal View subdivision, which is situated immediately adjacent to and to the northeast of the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD. Our properties lie closest to the property lines separating Crystal View from the proposed project, and therefore our properties are most directly and adversely impacted by the project. We oppose the project. The following are, without limitation, some of our objections.

1. As proposed, the Pinnacle PRD fails to adhere to the letter and spirit of PMC 18.260.070. There can be no better example of the circumstances contemplated by that section of the PMC than the prospect of the high-density Pinnacle PRD being built in the space between the traditional and well-established Crystal View and Baywatch subdivisions. The average lot size for the 46-lot Crystal View subdivision is approximately 8,200 square feet. For the ten Crystal View lots that are closest to the property lines between Crystal View and the proposed Pinnacle PRD, the average lot size is 8,500 square feet, with the smallest being 7,500 and the largest being about 10,500. From the details of the applicant's submitted preliminary civil plans, (Ref. (1)) it appears that the twenty-four project lots that lie closest to those property lines have an average size of around 4,600 square feet, with the smallest being around 3,800. Only two of those project lots are shown as being larger than 7,000 square feet, and those sizes appear to be forced more by the geometry of laying out the plat than by a sincere intent to comply with the PMC. The Pinnacle applicant has not met the requirements of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph A. That section of the PMC states that "the PRD shall (emphasis added) be designed and developed so as to be consistent with the single-family residential environment at its adjacent perimeter", and the section goes on to give examples for the lots in the proposed project to match the size, lot widths, scale and so forth of the lots in Crystal View, the existing subdivision.

2. The preliminary civil plans (Ref 1) for Pinnacle shows that the applicant proposes to run a full-sized street ("Road B") along the property line between the established Crystal View homes and the proposed high-density project. If "Road B" is built, the result would be that the affected Crystal View homes would be sandwiched between two streets. Road B would expose the Crystal View homes to an unacceptable added burden of traffic, noise and pollution. It may be that the applicant wants the PED and the review authority to ignore the letter and spirit of the PMC and to consider the proposed street ("Road B") as somehow being a buffer and that the proposed homes on the West side of that street as not being "located adjacent to the existing subdivision". To allow such a "word game" interpretation to guide decision making would not respect the intent of PMC 18.260.070 and would produce an unreasonable and unfair outcome for Crystal View.
3. Of further concern, the proposed Pinnacle PRD offers only a token response to the broad intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. The applicant proposes a 15-foot (replanted) vegetative buffer and a 6-foot wooden fence, in satisfaction of that section of the Code. Astonishingly, the applicant appears to propose for the ten (10) project homesites along the northern side of Phase One of the project that the entire back yard of each would become the applicant's proposed 15-foot buffer (with a solid fence). Is such a thing even allowed by the PMC? How does the seller of those homes explain to buyers that they have no back yard? Incredibly, the applicant also proposes major excavation and 12-foot retaining walls in the same space as it proposes 15-foot, replanted, buffer easements (see item 4 below).

The recently approved Sandstone Ridge subdivision lying two miles northeast of the proposed Pinnacle subdivision offers an example of reasonable application of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. Three sides of the Sandstone Ridge subdivision are bordered by roads. However, for the homesites along the northern edge of the subdivision, the developer of that project has committed to retain native trees for a 35-foot buffer, and to include a further ten-foot grading easement, and to install a 6-foot solid wood fence along the northern property line of each of the homesites. This nearby example of a developer providing a compliant implementation of the PMC should serve as a guide for the proposed Pinnacle project. The PED and review authority should require the proposed Pinnacle PRD to provide a vegetative buffer of no less than 25 feet and that native trees should be retained wherever possible, in accordance with PMC 18.180. In addition to retaining native trees in the buffer zone, applicant should be required to plant additional trees to cover any gaps.

4. To compound the applicant's disregard for meeting the intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B, the applicant proposes to excavate and lower the elevation of Road B and the homesites along that road such that an 8-foot retaining wall would be required to protect what must be presumed to be a vertical face cut along about 300 feet of the property line separating the proposed Pinnacle PRD from Crystal View (see Ref. (1), page 10 of 26). Furthermore, the applicant proposes substantial excavation and another vertical face cut the full length of the ten project homesites on the northern edge of Phase One of the project (see Ref. (1), page 12 of 26).

In that location, the applicant proposes a 12-foot retaining wall! The applicant fails to provide any details or drawings for such vertical face cuts and proposed retaining walls. No engineering plans have been provided. The geotechnical report submitted by the applicant does not address the implications and requirements for the vertical face cuts and retaining walls. The applicant does not explain how the retaining walls, the solid wood fence and the replanted 15-foot buffer would work together. The applicant provides no information, engineering or drawings on how the proposed grading and retaining walls for the ten homesites on the north side of Phase One would possibly work with the downhill grade and curves of the unfinished segment of Sunrise Ridge Ave.

5. Based on the applicant's SEPA and the Ref. (1) plan drawings, development of the project properties would entail clear cutting approximately twenty-nine acres, extending right to the property lines separating the project from Crystal View. There are many mature trees on the project property that are on or very close to the property lines. Any trees on the property lines constitute "boundary trees" for purposes of applicable Washington state and City of Poulsbo laws and codes. While the trees might be felled, any attempt to remove the stumps and root systems would inevitably damage the adjacent Crystal View properties. That damage would likely be exacerbated by the substantial amount of grading described in the applicants submittals, especially the vertical face cuts at the property lines suggested by the applicant's proposed 8-foot and 12-foot retaining walls. Any damage to Crystal View properties caused by tree removal during development of the Pinnacle parcels would violate the provisions of RCW 64.12.030 and PMC 15.35.130. The affected Crystal View property owners do not consent to any damage being done to their properties in connection with tree cutting and development of the project parcels.
6. We are very concerned about the added burden on the utility resources of Poulsbo that would result from building the proposed Pinnacle project homes. Last month we received a Water Conservation Advisory letter from the City of Poulsbo advising that heavy usage was putting a strain on the city's water system. That heavy usage had contributed to the Lincoln Well #1 needing maintenance. Other information from the city has pointed to concerns about the state and future of the city's utility resources. It is reasonable for existing residents of Poulsbo to be apprehensive that new housing developments will put added stress on the city's aging utility infrastructure. If approving and adding new homes to Poulsbo can reasonably be anticipated to put undue strain on that infrastructure, any such residential projects should be deferred by the PED until any necessary utility improvements can be planned, approved, installed and made operational. Of course, city residents would have the opportunity to be adequately informed of and comment on any such utility projects. It does not appear that the applicant has provided any meaningful information as to the adequacy of city utility services for the proposed project. In the absence of the applicant addressing this vital subject, the PED should provide the public with sufficient information for the public to form opinions on this subject.

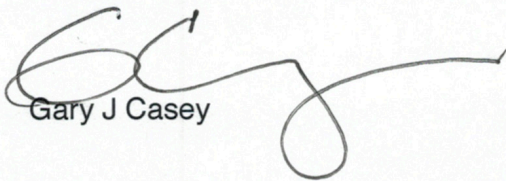
7. We have not been able to discern from the materials submitted by the Pinnacle PRD applicant what company or companies will be the actual builders of the homes in the subdivision. The applicant should disclose the identity of the builder(s). The public needs to be able to research and consider the reputation, time-in-business, experience, complaint history and other pertinent attributes of those builder(s) when forming a judgement whether or not those builder(s) should be trusted to build homes worthy of a place in our city.

Unless and until the applicant for the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD makes full and adequate disclosure regarding all matters and issues pertaining to the proposed project, the public is unable to make informed judgements whether to support or oppose the project. As of this writing, the undersigned have many unanswered questions and concerns regarding the project. We are opposed to the project being approved.

Respectfully,



Rowell L Matt



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Lot #31

From: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
To: [Rowell's Gmail](#)
Cc: [Gary Casey](#)
Subject: RE: Pinnacle Project
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 2:30:06 PM

Thank you for your comment regarding the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay proposal. Your input has been received and will be added to the official public record for this project.

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From: Rowell's Gmail <rowellmatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:17 PM
To: Nikole CH. Coleman <ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com>
Cc: Gary Casey <scorpgc@gmail.com>
Subject: Pinnacle Project

Dear MS. Coleman,

My husband and I are writing to you to share our concerns with the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay

project. As residents of the Crystal View neighborhood we are very concerned about the

Increased traffic (an additional 115 cars per day on Sunrise Ridge), adverse

impact to our property values, pressure on our schools, water supply and waste water management systems as well as environmental consequences. The density of this project in terms of number of units is outrageous in our opinion. Please see the attached letter that specifically outlines our biggest concerns.

Sincerely,

Rowell Matt and Gary Casey

From: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
To: [kathy](#)
Subject: RE: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay - Comments
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 2:31:11 PM

Thank you for your comment regarding the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay proposal. Your input has been received and will be added to the official public record for this project.

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You have been added to the public notice email list for this project and will receive future notifications as the project moves through the review process. You can also follow project updates, view submitted materials, and access public notices on the project website here:

<https://cityofpoulsbo.com/pinnacleatlibertybay/>

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or would like additional information.

Best,

Nikole Coleman, AICP (she/her/hers)

Planning Manager

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From: kathy <kathy6702@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Nikole CH. Coleman <ncoleman@cityofpoulsbo.com>
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay - Comments

1. Tract Q. There are 5 (five) houses behind the current 3 (Three) residents on NE Crystallia Ct.
 - A. Please require at least a 20 foot tree buffer between Crystal View and Pinnacle at Liberty Bay.
 - B. Please require that **ALL lots** in Pinnacle at Liberty Bay be the same size as the adjoining communities. Meredith Heights, Crystal Bay, and Bayview.
 - C. Please require that **ALL houses** in Pinnacle at Liberty Bay be the same sizes as the adjoining communities. Meredith Heights, Crystal Bay, and Bayview.

2. Please require that **ALL construction vehicles** enter and exit on Road C down to the circle on hwy 305

3. Please resolve All water issues before any building of any new houses. Letter from the City of Poulsbo attached asking all the residents to not use water between a certain time. Multiply that by hundreds of more homes in the permit stage. Audrey, Liberty Bay Vista, and now potentially Pinnacle at Liberty Bay. Also the 100s of new apartments going in.

4. My main issue is not that another neighborhood is going in, but that it has been condensed to about 1/2 the size lots and homes as adjoining one. Please don't let this builder cram so many homes together in this area.

5. Please consider the home owners who paid a premium for a view and privacy, and pay property taxes on those views. It would be great to move a park to lots 34-43.

Thank you for listening and considering my comments

Resident of Crystal view who will be directly affected by Pinnacle at Liberty Bay. (Traffic, views, and probably property value if allow to build small houses, crammed together, on very small lots.

City of Poulsbo

Public Works Department



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 17, 2025

Contact: Ryan Golden, Public Works
(360) 779-4078
rgolden@cityofpoulsbo.com

Water Conservation Advisory

City Encourages Water Conservation and Reduced Irrigation as Temperatures Exceed 80 Degrees

The City of Poulsbo requests all customers make an effort to conserve water and reduce consumption during the next two weeks. The peak water usage during the past week has exceeded 2 million gallons per day. The heavy usage puts a strain on the water system and we currently have Lincoln Well #1 undergoing maintenance due to heavy use.

The following conservation actions are requested:

- **Peak water usage is from 6am to 9am** – if you are able to reduce your consumption during this time period it makes a difference
- Water your plants and lawn **after 7pm** and avoid irrigation during the morning and during heat of the day
- If you have an automatic irrigation system, consider setting the time to irrigate during the night (**10pm to midnight** or **2am to 4am**)
- **Irrigate every other day** instead of daily
- Most lawns and plants need approximately **1" of water weekly** to survive periods of heat – please reduce watering times to provide minimum water.
- **Turn off the tap** – save water.

Every effort to reduce water usage is appreciated. Please call us at (360) 779-4078 if you have questions.

John Warwood
17796 Sunrise Ridge Ave NE
Poulsbo, WA 98370

September 5, 2025

Ms. Nicole Coleman
Planning Manager – Planning and Economic Development Dept.
City of Poulsbo, WA
200 NE Moe Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Subject: Response to Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD

Attachment: Letter dated September 1, 2025 from concerned Crystal View Subdivision Homeowners

Dear Ms. Coleman,

I am a homeowner in the Crystal View Subdivision. I, along with many others in Crystal View, do not support the approval of the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD project! I will highlight my personal concerns in this letter. I wish to note that I am fully aligned with the concerns as described in the attached letter to you from my neighbors and me.

My primary concerns are as follows:

1. There will be a negative impact on our quality of life due to increased traffic and ambient noise during construction and beyond. Instinctively, I believe the traffic study performed in support of this project underestimates the incremental traffic on Sunrise Ridge Ave NE. Assuming it is accurate, traffic will be more than 10x the current traffic moving past my driveway daily. Moreover, when Sunrise Ridge Avenue NE is connected to the Johnson Traffic Circle on Hwy 305, drivers other than residents of the proposed development will see it as a shortcut to avoid 305 traffic: further increasing traffic count on Sunrise Ridge Ave NE.
2. Adding 151 single family homes will increase the burden on City of Poulsbo and Kitsap County infrastructure. I routinely receive requests from Puget Sound to reduce electricity consumption during hot and cold weather events. I also recently received a request from the City of Poulsbo to reduce water consumption. What plans are in place to address current utilities shortfalls? Has residential growth been factored into these plans? If there are no concrete plans to address infrastructure shortfalls of this nature, why would you consider exacerbating the existing problems?

3. The pleasant aesthetics of our little corner of Poulsbo will be significantly harmed. We moved into this neighborhood because of the surrounding views and trees. If this project is approved, the view will largely consist of rooftops and the mature trees to the south and west of my property will be gone in favor of houses, fences, retaining walls and immature landscaping.
4. The increased traffic, congestion and degradation of aesthetics will negatively impact the value of my property!
5. The homes and lots in the proposed subdivision appear to be smaller and more densely situated than the surrounding subdivisions. Based on a quick review of the documents provided regarding Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD and requirements laid out in PMC 18.260.070, PMC18.180, RCW 64.12.030 and PMC 15.35.130 it seems clear that the proposal as submitted is not compliant or is only loosely compliant with the requirements laid down in these statutes (see attached letter).
6. The proposal as submitted is very thin on engineering and construction plan details. As you know, Washington is a seismically active region. We also are prone to landslides during wet weather events. There are several retaining walls and areas requiring buildup using "fill" to enable this project. Will the latest engineering requirements be met to ensure the safety of the surrounding residents?
7. I believe that I was misled by representatives of Lundgren Homes and the City of Poulsbo Planning Department. In August of 2022, I inquired with both entities as to the likelihood and type of extension to Crystallia Ct NE that could be planned in the future. Simply stated, both in essence told me that nothing was planned at that time and due to the challenges presented by the adjacent topography and wetlands, any future development would be likely be minimal. I do not consider the addition of 151 single family homes to be "minimal."

In closing, I do not support the approval of this project. I hope in its quest to increase their tax base; the City of Poulsbo is not willing to sacrifice the quality of life that we all currently enjoy. Additionally, I expect city management to do all necessary due diligence and to hold all developers/builders accountable as it pertains to applicable state, county and city ordinances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Warwood', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

John Warwood
Lot 13, Crystal View Subdivision

September 1, 2025

Ms. Nikole Coleman
Planning Manager
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Poulsbo
200 NE Moe Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

RE: Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD

Refs:

- (1) 2_Pinnacle@LB Preliminary PRD Civil Plans (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)
- (2) 7_Pinnacle@LB SEPA Checklist (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)

Dear Ms. Coleman,

The undersigned live in the Crystal View subdivision, which is situated immediately adjacent to and to the northeast of the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD. Our properties lie closest to the property lines separating Crystal View from the proposed project, and therefore our properties are most directly and adversely impacted by the project. We oppose the project. The following are, without limitation, some of our objections.

1. As proposed, the Pinnacle PRD fails to adhere to the letter and spirit of PMC 18.260.070. There can be no better example of the circumstances contemplated by that section of the PMC than the prospect of the high-density Pinnacle PRD being built in the space between the traditional and well-established Crystal View and Baywatch subdivisions. The average lot size for the 46-lot Crystal View subdivision is approximately 8,200 square feet. For the ten Crystal View lots that are closest to the property lines between Crystal View and the proposed Pinnacle PRD, the average lot size is 8,500 square feet, with the smallest being 7,500 and the largest being about 10,500. From the details of the applicant's submitted preliminary civil plans, (Ref. (1)) it appears that the twenty-four project lots that lie closest to those property lines have an average size of around 4,600 square feet, with the smallest being around 3,800. Only two of those project lots are shown as being larger than 7,000 square feet, and those sizes appear to be forced more by the geometry of laying out the plat than by a sincere intent to comply with the PMC. The Pinnacle applicant has not met the requirements of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph A. That section of the PMC states that "the PRD shall (emphasis added) be designed and developed so as to be consistent with the single-family residential environment at its adjacent perimeter", and the section goes on to give examples for the lots in the proposed project to match the size, lot widths, scale and so forth of the lots in Crystal View, the existing subdivision.

2. The preliminary civil plans (Ref 1) for Pinnacle shows that the applicant proposes to run a full-sized street ("Road B") along the property line between the established Crystal View homes and the proposed high-density project. If "Road B" is built, the result would be that the affected Crystal View homes would be sandwiched between two streets. Road B would expose the Crystal View homes to an unacceptable added burden of traffic, noise and pollution. It may be that the applicant wants the PED and the review authority to ignore the letter and spirit of the PMC and to consider the proposed street ("Road B") as somehow being a buffer and that the proposed homes on the West side of that street as not being "located adjacent to the existing subdivision". To allow such a "word game" interpretation to guide decision making would not respect the intent of PMC 18.260.070 and would produce an unreasonable and unfair outcome for Crystal View.
3. Of further concern, the proposed Pinnacle PRD offers only a token response to the broad intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. The applicant proposes a 15-foot (replanted) vegetative buffer and a 6-foot wooden fence, in satisfaction of that section of the Code. Astonishingly, the applicant appears to propose for the ten (10) project homesites along the northern side of Phase One of the project that the entire back yard of each would become the applicant's proposed 15-foot buffer (with a solid fence). Is such a thing even allowed by the PMC? How does the seller of those homes explain to buyers that they have no back yard? Incredibly, the applicant also proposes major excavation and 12-foot retaining walls in the same space as it proposes 15-foot, replanted, buffer easements (see item 4 below).

The recently approved Sandstone Ridge subdivision lying two miles northeast of the proposed Pinnacle subdivision offers an example of reasonable application of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. Three sides of the Sandstone Ridge subdivision are bordered by roads. However, for the homesites along the northern edge of the subdivision, the developer of that project has committed to retain native trees for a 35-foot buffer, and to include a further ten-foot grading easement, and to install a 6-foot solid wood fence along the northern property line of each of the homesites. This nearby example of a developer providing a compliant implementation of the PMC should serve as a guide for the proposed Pinnacle project. The PED and review authority should require the proposed Pinnacle PRD to provide a vegetative buffer of no less than 25 feet and that native trees should be retained wherever possible, in accordance with PMC 18.180. In addition to retaining native trees in the buffer zone, applicant should be required to plant additional trees to cover any gaps.


4. To compound the applicant's disregard for meeting the intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B, the applicant proposes to excavate and lower the elevation of Road B and the homesites along that road such that an 8-foot retaining wall would be required to protect what must be presumed to be a vertical face cut along about 300 feet of the property line separating the proposed Pinnacle PRD from Crystal View (see Ref. (1), page 10 of 26). Furthermore, the applicant proposes substantial excavation and another vertical face cut the full length of the ten project homesites on the northern edge of Phase One of the project (see Ref. (1), page 12 of 26).

In that location, the applicant proposes a 12-foot retaining wall! The applicant fails to provide any details or drawings for such vertical face cuts and proposed retaining walls. No engineering plans have been provided. The geotechnical report submitted by the applicant does not address the implications and requirements for the vertical face cuts and retaining walls. The applicant does not explain how the retaining walls, the solid wood fence and the replanted 15-foot buffer would work together. The applicant provides no information, engineering or drawings on how the proposed grading and retaining walls for the ten homesites on the north side of Phase One would possibly work with the downhill grade and curves of the unfinished segment of Sunrise Ridge Ave.

5. Based on the applicant's SEPA and the Ref. (1) plan drawings, development of the project properties would entail clear cutting approximately twenty-nine acres, extending right to the property lines separating the project from Crystal View. There are many mature trees on the project property that are on or very close to the property lines. Any trees on the property lines constitute "boundary trees" for purposes of applicable Washington state and City of Poulsbo laws and codes. While the trees might be felled, any attempt to remove the stumps and root systems would inevitably damage the adjacent Crystal View properties. That damage would likely be exacerbated by the substantial amount of grading described in the applicants submittals, especially the vertical face cuts at the property lines suggested by the applicant's proposed 8-foot and 12-foot retaining walls. Any damage to Crystal View properties caused by tree removal during development of the Pinnacle parcels would violate the provisions of RCW 64.12.030 and PMC 15.35.130. The affected Crystal View property owners do not consent to any damage being done to their properties in connection with tree cutting and development of the project parcels.
6. We are very concerned about the added burden on the utility resources of Poulsbo that would result from building the proposed Pinnacle project homes. Last month we received a Water Conservation Advisory letter from the City of Poulsbo advising that heavy usage was putting a strain on the city's water system. That heavy usage had contributed to the Lincoln Well #1 needing maintenance. Other information from the city has pointed to concerns about the state and future of the city's utility resources. It is reasonable for existing residents of Poulsbo to be apprehensive that new housing developments will put added stress on the city's aging utility infrastructure. If approving and adding new homes to Poulsbo can reasonably be anticipated to put undue strain on that infrastructure, any such residential projects should be deferred by the PED until any necessary utility improvements can be planned, approved, installed and made operational. Of course, city residents would have the opportunity to be adequately informed of and comment on any such utility projects. It does not appear that the applicant has provided any meaningful information as to the adequacy of city utility services for the proposed project. In the absence of the applicant addressing this vital subject, the PED should provide the public with sufficient information for the public to form opinions on this subject.

7. We have not been able to discern from the materials submitted by the Pinnacle PRD applicant what company or companies will be the actual builders of the homes in the subdivision. The applicant should disclose the identity of the builder(s). The public needs to be able to research and consider the reputation, time-in-business, experience, complaint history and other pertinent attributes of those builder(s) when forming a judgement whether or not those builder(s) should be trusted to build homes worthy of a place in our city.

Unless and until the applicant for the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD makes full and adequate disclosure regarding all matters and issues pertaining to the proposed project, the public is unable to make informed judgements whether to support or oppose the project. As of this writing, the undersigned have many unanswered questions and concerns regarding the project. We are opposed to the project being approved.

Respectfully, 

[Signature pages follow]

From: [S.C](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: Concerns on Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025 8:43:29 PM

Dear Ms. Coleman,

As a homeowner in the Crystal View subdivision, I am writing to express my concerns and objections regarding the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Planned Residential Development (PRD), currently under review by the City of Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development Department. After reviewing the project details available on <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/pinnacleatlibertybay/> and the applicable Poulsbo Municipal Code (PMC), I believe the proposal raises several significant issues that warrant reconsideration and revision.

1. Inconsistent Lot Density with Adjacent Development

The proposed PRD includes 151 single-family lots with an average lot size of approximately 4,962 square feet, with some as small as 3,398 square feet. This density is markedly inconsistent with the existing homes in the Crystal View subdivision, which were developed under traditional city subdivision standards with lot sizes of 7,500 square feet or larger.

According to PMC 18.260.070(A), when a PRD is proposed adjacent to an existing single-family residential zone developed with traditional standards, the PRD must be “designed and developed so as to be consistent with the single-family residential environment at its adjacent perimeter.” This includes matching lot sizes, lot widths, and house scale. The current proposal fails to meet this requirement, especially along the shared boundary with Crystal View, where smaller lots are directly adjacent to larger, traditionally zoned lots. This inconsistency undermines the character and integrity of our neighborhood and violates the intent of the municipal code.

2. Traffic Noise and Pollution from Proposed Roadway

The proposed development includes a new internal road that runs directly along the property line between the Pinnacle PRD and Crystal View. This design places several Crystal View homes between two roads—our existing neighborhood street and the new PRD road—effectively sandwiching these homes and exposing them to increased traffic noise, vehicle emissions, and reduced privacy.

This configuration raises serious concerns about livability and environmental impact. The City should consider alternative road alignments that do not disproportionately burden existing residents or compromise their quality of life.

3. Lack of Required Vegetated Buffer

PMC 18.260.070(B) requires that when a PRD is adjacent to a single-family residential zone, the perimeter must include screening provisions such as “a six-foot sight-obscuring fence or a minimum twenty-five-foot vegetated buffer (designated as an open space tract).” The current Pinnacle proposal does not include any vegetated buffer or adequate screening along the

shared boundary with Crystal View.

This omission is a clear violation of the municipal code and fails to provide the necessary visual and environmental separation between the two neighborhoods. A vegetated buffer is essential not only for privacy but also for mitigating noise, preserving habitat, and maintaining the aesthetic continuity of the area.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge the Planning Department to require the applicant to revise the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD to:

- Increase lot sizes and adjust home scale along the shared boundary to match Crystal View standards.
- Reroute or redesign the proposed internal road to avoid placing Crystal View homes between two traffic corridors.
- Include a minimum 25-foot vegetated buffer along the property line with Crystal View, as mandated by PMC 18.260.070(B).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to responsible and community-sensitive development in Poulsbo. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and look forward to seeing a revised proposal that better aligns with the City's planning principles and the interests of its residents.

Sincerely,

Suwei Chen

Crystal View Subdivision Homeowner

From: [Leigh Hwa](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: Comment on the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay project
Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025 4:11:22 PM

Dear Ms. Coleman,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay project. I attended the project's neighborhood meeting at the Poulsbo Fire Station in April, where many questions and concerns were raised. The development applicant company and city representatives promised to revise the project plan and add a treeline buffer between the proposed development and the existing Crystal View property line. However, upon reviewing the recently updated information, I was disappointed to see that no significant changes were made, particularly near Road B's border with the Crystal View neighborhood.

As a resident whose property is directly adjacent to the proposed project's property line, I am deeply concerned about the impact this project will have on our daily lives and our property. The proposed full-sized street ("Road B") behind our backyard, with minimal tree buffer, will expose our property to direct construction dust, dirt, and increased car traffic and noise going forward. Our once peaceful and tree-filled backyard will be significantly affected, impacting the quality of our family life living at the property.

I strongly believe that preserving the existing mature trees and tree lines behind our backyard is crucial. These trees, some of which are hundreds of years old, serve as a natural buffer between the two neighborhoods. With the project's proposal of cutting them down and replanting new trees, it would require decades for new trees to grow and recover. I respectfully request that our city consider retaining these native trees with a 35-foot buffer between the two properties. This would help mitigate construction and road noise for the existing neighborhood.

Therefore, I oppose the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay project in its current form and urge significant revisions to address the tree line buffer and mitigate construction and road traffic issues. I would appreciate it if our city representatives could take our concerns and pass our comments to the development company to address these issues.

Sincerely,
Lee

From: [Cool Whip](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: Comments on Pinnacle at Liberty Bay proposal
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:01:40 AM

Comments on Land use Application for the Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Development

I have several comments regarding the subject project. I am a nearby landowner/homeowner and will be very negatively affected by this development.

I attended the April public meeting and expressed my concerns, along with many others. I don't recall any positive comments from the public. I am sure all comments were ignored, and the developers and city employees all went away satisfied that they had gone through the necessary step of holding a mandatory meeting. I do see the project has changed – now it is 151 single family detached homes, with no townhomes. This seems significant; shouldn't this require another public meeting?

I live on Highway 305, directly across the highway from this project. The traffic this development will bring to Highway 305 will only make the congestion on the highway in this area worse than it already is. There are seven homes (one is mine) that are directly across 305 from the proposed project, all served by only 3 driveways coming off the west side of 305. As it is now, access to 305, especially turning north, is difficult and unsafe most of the time during the day. Much of the traffic will probably enter and leave this project by moving through the Baywatch subdivision, accessing Highway 305. We were told at the April meeting that the State would not allow another traffic light in this area. Even if they did, it would still be difficult access for us since our driveways don't align with Baywatch.

In the traffic study I see some items which make me question it's conclusions. Table 1: Roadway Network erroneously states the speed limit on highway 305 is 40 MPH, it's 50 MPH. It also has only 2 lanes, no sidewalks, and no bike facilities in the area near the project. They need to clarify their description of 305 is totally different in the area of the project (near Baywatch) than at Hostmark or the round-about. Also, the report makes no mention of how our

access to 305 will be affected; or mitigated.

The Geotechnical Engineering Report identifies high and moderate landslide hazards (section 5.1) and implies they are of no concern. I find it concerning they do not address how the property will be affected by the removal of 60% of the healthy trees needed for development, as stated the Tree Protection Plan. I, and my neighbors, are directly in the Critical Area below this project.

I did not find any information about the effect of the water runoff from this development. My understanding from the April meeting was that runoff would be collected in a “storm pond” directly across 305 from my property, and the overflow would be directed to the existing stream next to the pond. This stream borders my property and empties into Liberty Bay. Do you really allow a project of this size to channel road runoff to Liberty Bay?

As you can glean from my comments, I would very much like this property to not be developed with the density of housing proposed. Fewer units would be more tolerated. I am very concerned by the big push recently for dense housing to come to the Poulsbo area. You are promoting the loss of the appeal of this region. There is plenty of land away from Poulsbo that could be developed with much less impact to the quality of life in our existing community.

Bruce Brockett
17373 State Highway 305 NE
Ph: 907-250-1248

From: [Rian Schlyper](#)
To: [City of Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development](#); [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay Planned Residential Development - COMMENT
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:18:57 AM

Nicole Coleman/To Whom it may concern,

As a neighbor who lives just up the street from the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay development off Noll Road near Poulsbo Elementary, I want to share my concerns about whether our existing infrastructure—particularly our roads and schools—can handle the significant population increase this project would bring.

The current plan shows the development tying into existing small residential neighborhoods for vehicle access. This will likely channel substantial new traffic through Crystal View, Baywatch, and Sunrise Ridge. These neighborhoods are currently quiet and walkable, and such a change would negatively impact safety, livability, and likely property values.

The third planned outlet connects to Johnson Parkway. I walk my child to Poulsbo Elementary daily and already see that this road is over capacity during school drop-off and pick-up times. In addition, speeding is a persistent issue despite the installation of cameras. Adding more traffic will increase both congestion and the likelihood of accidents in an area heavily used by children walking to Poulsbo Elementary, Poulsbo Middle School, and North Kitsap High School. Strawberry Field also draws children and families nearly every evening, further compounding safety concerns.

Even more pressing is the strain on Poulsbo schools. Poulsbo Elementary is already over capacity: my son's 4th grade class has 28 students, and the school recently had to relocate a 5th grade class into a portable due to lack of classroom space. This means children must walk outside and across the playground—often in the rain—just to use the bathroom. With additional homes already being built in Liberty Bay Vista and near the Noll/Langaunet intersection, the situation will only worsen over the next two years. Without new facilities or expansions, adding hundreds of new students will push schools even further beyond their limits.

I understand Poulsbo is a wonderful place to live, and I do not want to “gatekeep” our community from others. My concern is simply that growth is outpacing infrastructure. Roads, schools, and other essential services are not being expanded in step with the population. I want my child—and all children—to be able to safely walk or bike to school. Right now, that is increasingly difficult.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the City to consider delaying or scaling back large new developments until infrastructure can catch up. This includes giving the school district time to secure funding for rebuilding Pearson Elementary and evaluating whether another new school is needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my comments. I have also submitted a request to North Kitsap School District regarding the enrollment capacities of Poulsbo and Vineland Elementary and will follow up with that information when available.

Sincerely,

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Thank you
Rian Schlyper
(503) 866-2131

From: [Katie Mooney](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Cc: [John Mooney](#)
Subject: Opposition for Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:33:20 PM

September 9, 2025

Ms. Nikole Coleman
Planning Manager
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Poulsbo
200 NE Moe Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Dear Ms. Coleman and the City of Poulsbo,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Poulsbo (Crystal View) regarding the proposed development of Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD. While I understand the need for growth and the desire to accommodate new residents, I have several serious concerns about the impact this development will have on our community specifically.

First and foremost, I fully agree with the collective ten neighbors and the CVHOA Board who expressed their concerns with Pinnacle at Liberty Bay dated September 1, 2025.

In addition, the influx of new homes will inevitably affect our city's infrastructure. Living specifically on Sunrise Ridge NE, the opening of the road down to Johnson would create what I predict will be the overwhelming burden of traffic to the residential road currently at 20 MPH. I can only predict the additional congestion of noise, pollution, and additional traffic disruptions throughout the day, not just during school hours. As a 47-home planned subdivision, Crystal View was reasonable for growth and supporting new residents, but now increasing the number of additional houses by 3x (Pinnacle at Liberty Bay) adjacent to our community will put a significant strain on all resources, detrimental for daily usage and catastrophic upon unplanned emergency events.

The proposed site for the new neighborhood raises environmental questions but also significant risks on the strain of our city's water system. With Lincoln Well #1, already requiring maintenance, it seems that heavy usage predicted from this new development would further deteriorate this resource, very quickly.

Lastly, another concern is the potential impact on Poulsbo's unique character and small-town feel. Rapid expansion risks eroding the sense of community that makes our city so special. I do not believe this project aligns with the long-term vision for Poulsbo and whether it truly serves the best interests of current and future residents.

At this juncture, I respectfully oppose the approval of this project. With so many unanswered questions to this project from my fellow neighbors who are directly impacted along the property lines, it is important for all fellow Poulsbo citizens to have direct access to transparent information that highlights intentional and thoughtful growth balanced alongside the preservation of Poulsbo's charm and quality of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Katie and John Mooney
17893 Sunrise Ridge Avenue NE
Poulsbo, WA 98177

Katie Mooney

(she/her)

206-755-5652

hellokatiemooney@gmail.com

From: [kathy](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: RE: Montebanc letter of June 20, 2025 to Planning and Economic Development
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:06:51 AM
Attachments: [13_Pinnacle@LB-Cover-Letter.pdf](#)
[2025-10-Conserve-Water-and-Reduce-Irrigation.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Coleman,

As a long time resident of Poulsbo, I object to the bypassing/ignoring of current zoning rules for Montebanc.

Per their letter

Paragraph 2: The community WILL NOT be excited or SUPPORTIVE to the new proposed neighborhood. And I hope Poulsbo Planning and Engineering staff will not be excited either.

Paragraph 3: Pushing that road in will disturb the current tax paying residents on Sunrise Ridge Avenue NE. Some people may be happy to be able to travel all the way down to Hwy 305, some will not be happy about it.

Paragraph 4: Bribery

Paragraph 5:

Paragraph 6: All of this permanent open space does not benefit the current tax paying residents of Crystal View. Please don't let them brag about something they can't use and then crowd/cram their development into a small area all along the yards of current tax paying residents of Crystal View, taking away their views and privacy, and safety.

Paragraph 7: Residents of Meredith Heights, Bay View, and Crystal View will see a substantial increase in traffic. No, we will not be happy with this.

Paragraph 8: DO NOT allow them to make narrow streets. That isn't safe for anyone that would live there. Fire Trucks, Ambulances, police, garbage trucks, recycle trucks, etc, need to be able to EASILY move around in any neighborhood. DO not make allowance for this. I believe there are already rules in place for street width.

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Thank you, and thank you for protecting the current Poulsbo population.

Resident of Crystal View, but long time Poulsbo resident (35 years)

Two letters attached: Montebanc's flattery letter and City of Poulsbo Water letter.

From: [Lee-Ann Comrie](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Cc: [Lee-Ann Comrie](#); djlockhart@verizon.net
Subject: Objection to proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:50:13 AM
Attachments: [Lee-Ann Comrie objection to Pinnacle PRD 10 Sept 2025.pdf](#)
[Objection to Pinnacle PRD - Neighborhood Letter.pdf](#)

Dear Ms Coleman

Please find attached my letter objecting to the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD development and the letter from Dana Lockhart which my letter references dated 1 September 2025.

Kind regards

Lee-Ann Comrie
Lot 32 Crystal View

September 1, 2025

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Additional Comment: Existing plans show use of existing cul de sac as major ingress/egress for development. That cul de sac is too small for through traffic which would create major safety hazard for the residents, including children and pets, who reside there.

From: [Joan Lockyear](#)
To: [Nikole CH. Coleman](#)
Subject: Pinnacle at Liberty Bay
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 11:36:07 AM

Hello Ms.Coleman,

I'm writing to you to express my concern of the the notice of land application for Pinnacle at Liberty Bay. I haven't had enough time to put together all my thoughts and gather facts regarding this new development. I really want this whole proposal to be put on hold until our community and government can do a deep assessment of how this new development will impact our community. I have concerns of traffic, safety, the loss of surrounding forest, the impact on our health care with the shortage of physicians in our area.

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I'm an original owner of a home in Meredith Heights and really don't want to see the Owl Ridge plan approved. Ironically I had an owl in one of my trees in my yard last week and I haven't heard the owls around our development ever since Crystal View went in.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Joan E. Lockyear
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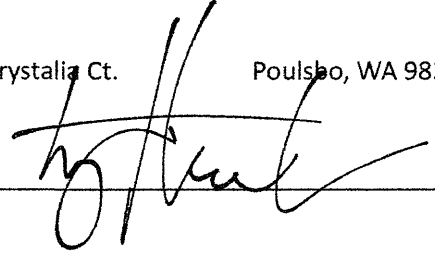
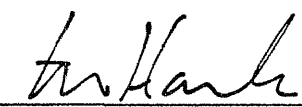
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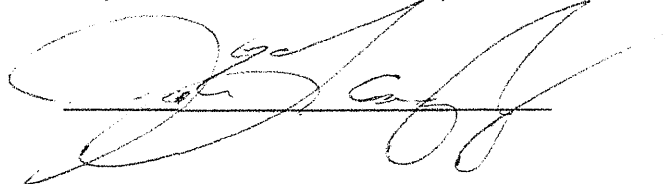
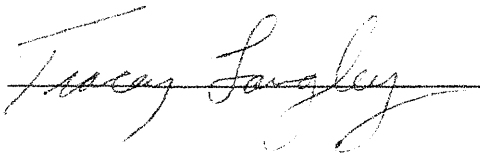
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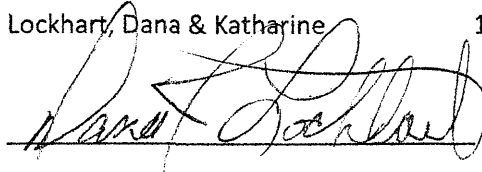
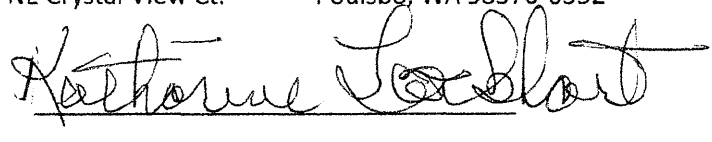
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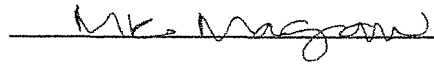
 

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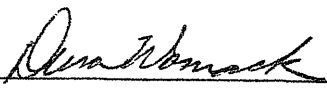
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RE: Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD – Sunrise Ridge Avenue Safety

Refs:

- (1) 13_Pinnacle@LB PRD Narrative (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)
- (2) 2_Pinnacle@LB Preliminary PRD Civil Plans (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)
- (3) 14_Pinnacle@LB Traffic Impact Analysis (file submitted with Permit 06-20-25-03 application)

Dear Ms. Coleman,

The applicant for the proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD submitted the Ref. (1) narrative describing various features and aspects of the project. The narrative includes the statement: "The site is bisected by the uncompleted section of Sunrise Ridge Avenue NE and the applicant is proposing to complete and dedicate this new critical arterial (emphasis added) to the City of Poulsbo." Sometimes you should look a gift horse in the mouth!

The Ref. (2) Civil Plans submitted by the applicant, at page 6 of 26, shows the proposed arrangement of Phase 1 of the Pinnacle project, a portion of which straddles the uncompleted section of Sunrise Ridge. Significantly, the proposed arrangement has a street ("Road C"), two alleyways and the individual driveways of nine homes opening onto that section of Sunrise Ridge.

The configuration of the uncompleted section of Sunrise Ridge can be described as an "S-Curve". Additionally, that section is a downhill grade from the Crystal View subdivision to the compact roundabout at Johnson Parkway. It is also important to note that the sole entrance/exit of the proposed Audrey Estates 60-home subdivision would open onto the uncompleted Sunrise Ridge about 200 feet north of the compact roundabout. This places the proposed Audrey Estates entrance just feet away from Pinnacle project lots number 1 and number 33. Furthermore, there is currently a private driveway that opens onto Sunrise Ridge between the same lot number 33 and the Audrey entrance.

Such an arrangement appears very unsafe. A simple internet search produces the following safety assessment:

"Opening a side street, alleyway, or individual driveway onto an S-curve is not considered approved street planning due to significant safety risks. Leading design guidelines from the Federal Highway

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Administration (FHWA) and local municipalities strongly advise against placing intersections or access points near or within sharp curves. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Here is a breakdown of the specific problems and standard safety principles that apply.

Major safety risks

- **Poor sight distance:** The geometry of an S-curve and its surrounding features (such as trees, buildings, or other structures) often limit a driver's ability to see oncoming traffic and hidden access points. This is dangerous for vehicles leaving a side street, alley, or driveway, and for drivers on the main road who may not see a turning vehicle in time.
- **Higher crash risk:** Intersections on or near curves have a significantly higher crash rate than those on straight sections of road. Curve-related crashes account for over 25% of fatal accidents.
- **Visual traps:** In some cases, a horizontal curve can create a "visual trap" where drivers mistakenly think the road continues straight. An unexpected access point can compound this hazard, as drivers may be unprepared for turning vehicles.
- **Compromised braking and handling:** Vehicles navigating a curve require different handling, braking, and speed than those on a straight road. Introducing intersections or driveways adds complex maneuvers that interfere with a driver's ability to safely maintain control on the curve. [1, 5, 6, 7, 8]
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Standard planning guidelines and practices

- **Straight and flat intersections:** The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recommends that intersections be located on straight and flat road segments wherever practical. This allows for easy recognition of potential conflicts for all users.
- **Sufficient tangent length:** Many local codes require a minimum length of straight road, known as a tangent, between horizontal curves. For example, some jurisdictions require at least 100 feet of tangent between adjacent curves to give drivers time to adjust. Intersecting another road on this tangent is the preferred practice.
- **Perpendicular intersections:** Driveways and side streets should intersect the main roadway at a perpendicular angle (close to 90 degrees). Skewed or acute-angle intersections are difficult for drivers, especially the elderly, and often require expensive geometric improvements to manage safely.
- **Clearance from curves:** Driveways are generally prohibited near sharp curves. Design standards specify setbacks, requiring a driveway to be placed where the roadway alignment is favorable and not obscured by curves or steep grades.
- **Access management:** Transportation agencies use access management strategies to control the placement of driveways and side streets. This can include consolidating driveways, using raised medians, or requiring off-arterial roads to reduce conflict points. [1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]

AI responses may include mistakes.

[1] <https://highways.dot.gov/media/11636>

[2] <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/rwd/keep-vehicles-road/horizontal-curve/low-cost-treatments-horizontal-curve-safety-2016-7>

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[4] <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/EastWenatchee/html/EastWenatchee12/EastWenatchee1252.html>

- [5] <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/rwd/keep-vehicles-road/horizontal-curve/low-cost-treatments-horizontal-curve-safety-2016-7>
- [6] <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/rwd/keep-vehicles-road/horizontal-curve-safety>
- [7] <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/other/older-road-user/handbook-designing-roadways-aging-population/chapter-7-intersections>
- [8] <https://greenfieldny.gov/documents/driveway-permit-application-form/>
- [9] <https://sfbetterstreets.org/design-guidelines/non-right-angle-streets/index.html>
- [10] <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/other/older-road-user/handbook-designing-roadways-aging-population/chapter-7-intersections>
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- [13] <https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/lincoln-ne-ds/doc-viewer.aspx?secid=613>

The downhill serpentine curves of Forest Rock Ln, less than two miles from the proposed Pinnacle project, offers a relevant point of comparison. By driving downhill on that street, it is possible to imagine the many ways that something could go wrong if the street were intersected in that stretch by two streets, two alleyways and ten driveways.

Although the applicant's indicated plan for the Sunrise Ridge S-curve does not show provisions for on-street parking, there are many circumstances where vehicles could be stopped on that stretch. The following are just a few of the many questions that can be asked about hazardous situations that could arise daily on the Sunrise Ridge S-curve. Add in the predictable complications of rain or wintry conditions on the S-curve and the potential for vehicle related accidents rises significantly.

- Where will garbage, recycling and yard waste be picked up for the project homes that will have a Sunrise Ridge address?
- Where will the drive-up USPS communal mailbox (cluster box unit - CBU) be located on Sunrise Ridge? USPS drivers servicing the boxes and residents accessing their mail from the street would be put in jeopardy while stopped at the CBU.
- Where will delivery service drivers (Amazon, UPS, FedEx, DHL) stand their vehicles while making deliveries or pickups?
- Where will moving trucks and furniture/appliance delivery vehicles park while loading and unloading?
- Where will landscapers/lawn care vehicles park while servicing clients?
- Do the two alleyways meet requirements of the Fire Department for access by emergency equipment?

The Ref. (3) Traffic Impact Analysis submitted by the applicant completely avoids addressing any aspects of the potential hazards created by the applicant's plans for Phase 1 of the project. At Section 4.5 of the Ref. (3) Traffic Impact Analysis, the author merely lists site access points, including Access C/D (these are the two alleyways) and Access E (this is Road C per the Ref. (2) Civil Plans), but offers no comment on whether any of them reflect sound or safe engineering principles. Instead, the author states: "Design of on-site streets, intersections, and frontage improvements should be coordinated with the City of Poulsbo." Such a delay in providing the public with adequate disclosure about critical aspects of the Pinnacle project is unacceptable. As of this writing, the period for public comment on the Pinnacle project is about to end. If such design details are not to be available until some point in the future, how is the public to be given the opportunity to review and comment on the applicant's proposal regarding Phase 1 of the project in relation to the Sunrise Ridge S-curve?

The applicant should be required to submit sight distance analyses for all appropriate points along the Sunrise Ridge S-curve. Instead, the author of the Ref. (3) Traffic Impact Analysis, at Section 4.7 of the report, provides analysis and comment only for the proposed site access at Baywatch Court NE. The author dodges any responsibility to address any of the other streets or roads for the Pinnacle project by stating: "All other site access points and internal roadways will be designed in compliance with City of Poulsbo standards and will be subject to review and approval during the civil engineering plan review process." Again, such a delay is unacceptable.

We have not been able to discern from the materials submitted by the Pinnacle PRD applicant what company or companies will be the actual builders of the homes in the subdivision and also be responsible for completing the construction of the S-curve segment of Sunrise Ridge. The applicant should disclose the identity of the builder(s). The public needs to be able to research and consider the reputation, time-in-business, experience, complaint history and other pertinent attributes of those builder(s) when forming a judgement whether or not those builder(s) should be trusted to build homes and roads worthy of a place in our city.

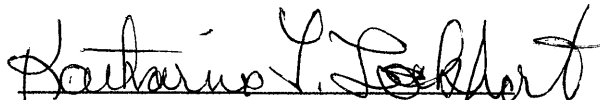
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Respectfully,

Dana & Katharine Lockhart

1780 NE Crystal View Ct.

Poulsbo, WA 98370-6352



September 1, 2025

Ms. Nikole Coleman
Planning Manager
Planning and Economic Development Department City of Poulsbo
200 NE Moe Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

RE: Proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD Refs:

Dear Ms. Coleman,

We live in the Crystal View subdivision, which is situated immediately adjacent proposed Pinnacle at Liberty Bay PRD. We oppose the project because the density is too high and it will greatly increase traffic in our neighborhood. The following are, without limitation, some of our objections.

1. As proposed, the Pinnacle PRD fails to adhere to the letter and spirit of PMC 18.260.070. There can be no better example of the circumstances contemplated by that section of the PMC than the prospect of the high-density Pinnacle PRD being built in the space between the traditional and well-established Crystal View and Baywatch subdivisions. The average lot size for the 46-lot Crystal View subdivision is approximately 8,200 square feet. For the ten Crystal View lots that are closest to the property lines between Crystal View and the proposed Pinnacle PRD, the average lot size is 8,500 square feet, with the smallest being 7,500 and the largest being about 10,500. From the details of the applicant's submitted preliminary civil plans, (Ref. (1)) it appears that the twenty-four project lots that lie closest to those property lines have an average size of around 4,600 square feet, with the smallest being around 3,800. Only two of those project lots are shown as being larger than 7,000 square feet, and those sizes appear to be forced more by the geometry of laying out the plat than by a sincere intent to comply with the PMC. The Pinnacle applicant has not met the requirements of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph A. That section of the PMC states that "the PRD shall (emphasis added) be designed and developed so as to be consistent with the single-family residential environment at its adjacent perimeter", and the section goes on to give examples for the lots in the

proposed project to match the size, lot widths, scale and so forth of the lots in Crystal View, the existing subdivision.

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2. The preliminary civil plans (Ref 1) for Pinnacle shows that the applicant proposes to run a full- sized street ("Road B") along the property line between the established Crystal View homes and the proposed high-density project. If "Road B" is built, the result would be that the affected Crystal View homes would be sandwiched between two streets. Road B would expose the Crystal View homes to an unacceptable added burden of traffic, noise and pollution. It may be that the applicant wants the PED and the review authority to ignore the letter and spirit of the PMC and to consider the proposed street ("Road B") as somehow being a buffer and that the proposed homes on the West side of that street as not being "located adjacent to the existing subdivision". To allow such a "word game" interpretation to guide decision making would not respect the intent of PMC 18.260.070 and would produce an unreasonable and unfair outcome for Crystal View.
3. Of further concern, the proposed Pinnacle PRD offers only a token response to the broad intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. The applicant proposes a 15-foot (replanted) vegetative buffer and a 6-foot wooden fence, in satisfaction of that section of the Code. Astonishingly, the applicant appears to propose for the ten (10) project homesites along the northern side of Phase One of the project that the entire back yard of each would become the applicant's proposed 15- foot buffer (with a solid fence). Is such a thing even allowed by the PMC? How does the seller of those homes explain to buyers that they have no back yard? Incredibly, the applicant also proposes major excavation and 12-foot retaining walls in the same space as it proposes 15-foot, replanted, buffer easements (see item 4 below).
The recently approved Sandstone Ridge subdivision lying two miles northeast of the proposed Pinnacle subdivision offers an example of reasonable application of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B. Three sides of

the Sandstone Ridge subdivision are bordered by roads. However, for the homesites along the northern edge of the subdivision, the developer of that project has committed to retain native trees for a 35-foot buffer, and to include a further ten-foot grading easement, and to install a 6-foot solid wood fence along the northern property line of each of the homesites. This nearby example of a developer providing a compliant implementation of the PMC should serve as a guide for the proposed Pinnacle project. The PED and review authority should require the proposed Pinnacle PRD to provide a vegetative buffer of no less than 25 feet and that native trees should be retained wherever possible, in accordance with PMC 18.180. In addition to retaining native trees in the buffer zone, applicant should be required to plant additional trees to cover any gaps.

4. To compound the applicant's disregard for meeting the intent of PMC 18.260.070, paragraph B, the applicant proposes to excavate and lower the elevation of Road B and the homesites along that road such that an 8-foot retaining wall would be required to protect what must be presumed to be a vertical face cut along about 300 feet of the property line separating the proposed Pinnacle PRD from Crystal View (see Ref. (1), page 10 of 26). Furthermore, the applicant proposes substantial excavation and another vertical face cut the full length of the ten project homesites on the northern edge of Phase One of the project (see Ref. (1), page 12 of 26).

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In that location, the applicant proposes a 12-foot retaining wall! The applicant fails to provide any details or drawings for such vertical face cuts and proposed retaining walls. No engineering plans have been provided. The geotechnical report submitted by the applicant does not address the implications and requirements for the vertical face cuts and retaining walls. The applicant does not explain how the retaining walls, the solid wood fence and the replanted 15-

foot buffer would work together. The applicant provides no information, engineering or drawings on how the proposed grading and retaining walls for the ten homesites on the north side of Phase One would possibly work with the downhill grade and curves of the unfinished segment of Sunrise Ridge Ave.

5. Based on the applicant's SEPA and the Ref. (1) plan drawings, development of the project properties would entail clear cutting approximately twenty-nine acres, extending right to the property lines separating the project from Crystal View. There are many mature trees on the project property that are on or very close to the property lines. Any trees on the property lines constitute "boundary trees" for purposes of applicable Washington state and City of Poulsbo laws and codes. While the trees might be felled, any attempt to remove the stumps and root systems would inevitably damage the adjacent Crystal View properties. That damage would likely be exacerbated by the substantial amount of grading described in the applicants submittals, especially the vertical face cuts at the property lines suggested by the applicant's proposed 8-foot and 12-foot retaining walls. Any damage to Crystal View properties caused by tree removal during development of the Pinnacle parcels would violate the provisions of RCW 64.12.030 and PMC 15.35.130. The affected Crystal View property owners do not consent to any damage being done to their properties in connection with tree cutting and development of the project parcels.
6. We are very concerned about the added burden on the utility resources of Poulsbo that would result from building the proposed Pinnacle project homes. Last month we received a Water Conservation Advisory letter from the City of Poulsbo advising that heavy usage was putting a strain on the city's water system. That heavy usage had contributed to the Lincoln Well #1 needing maintenance. Other information from the city has pointed to concerns about the state and future of the city's utility resources. It is reasonable for existing residents of Poulsbo to be apprehensive that new housing developments will put added stress on the city's aging utility infrastructure. If approving and adding new homes to Poulsbo can reasonably be anticipated to put undue strain on that

infrastructure, any such residential projects should be deferred by the PED until any necessary utility improvements can be planned, approved, installed and made operational. Of course, city residents would have the opportunity to be adequately informed of and comment on any such utility projects. It does not appear that the applicant has provided any meaningful information as to the adequacy of city utility services for the proposed project. In the absence of the applicant addressing this vital subject, the PED should provide the public with sufficient information for the public to form opinions on this subject.

7. Since there is potential for a great increase in traffic once the project is completed, we are urging the city to require speed bumps on Sunrise Ridge Avenue to calm traffic and maintain safety for residents of Crystal View and Meredith Heights neighborhoods. We are also urging a lower speed limit - from 25 mph to 20 mph.

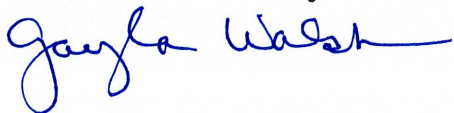
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Respectfully,

Brian Walsh and Gayla Walsh



From: [Andrew Hitchings](#)
To: [City of Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development](#)
Subject: Fwd: My Public comment on - Pinnacle at Liberty (please submit for me)
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 1:28:43 PM

I was trying to submit this as a comment on the development proposal. I could not find anywhere on the cites website to do that?

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From: **Andrew Hitchings** <andyhitchings@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2025 at 1:26 PM
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To: Tiffany Simmons <tsimmons@cityofpoulsbo.com>, Ashley Weller
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PINNACLE AT LIBERTY BAY PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY PLAT

Buffer

: something that serves as a protective barrier

Comments on proposed plan:

At the public meeting it was stated by the city that the developer was requesting that buffer zones be reduced and lot size minimums be reduced because of additional green space wetlands on the Baywatch side of proposal.

It was a general consensus at the meeting that the adjoining properties did not want either exception. The definition of a buffer "**something that serves as a protective barrier**" does not work when the buffer is all on one side and the other side has a proposed 15ft buffer.

With the amount of excavation that is going to be needed to develop this land, a minimum of a 20ft buffer would be needed with old growth trees intact and additional medium size shrubs on both sides of the buffer to provide protection to the existing neighborhoods. Ideally a walking path could be included in the buffer around the development.

With this neighborhood being close to existing neighborhoods the minimum lot size should be consistent with Baywatch and Crystal View. This would keep the new development from lowering property values with smaller lots adjoining the existing neighborhoods.

My other concern is dangerous height retaining walls that were allowed in Liberty Bay Vista. In developing this multiple retaining walls are heights where serious injuries could result from a fall. These are normally only protected with flimsy

orange construction fences. In developing this an effort/limitation should be set for walls of a safe height for accidental falls. This development is going to be near houses with lots of small children.

I feel that the city should contact adjoining neighborhoods and poll the households to see if they want to give the developers exceptions or keep the buffer at the size needed to protect the homes.

Andrew P. Hitchings
Crystal View resident

9/11/25

To: City of Poughkeepsie/City Planner
Nikole Coleman,

My name is Andrea Baldonado Ast, I live in "Baywatch" next to the new planned community "Pinnacle at Liberty Bay". The Baywatch entrance/exit was designed ~~almost~~ ^{almost} 30 years ago for the 24 planned homes to be built. Adding

151 homes/300 cars to use the same entrance/exit that was designed for 24 homes/48 cars seems a bit reckless. I have been paying extra attention to traffic the last 10 days before writing this. It is my opinion that addressing the need for a stop light, a round about or some proper way for 348 cars to enter and exit should be done first. I also

have concern for the bus stop on both sides of Hwy 305 in front of Baywatch. More people means more people crossing street to catch bus. Baywatch has always had a few families with school age children. Waiting for bus in morning and getting dropped off in afternoon has become more dangerous over the years.

Please take into consideration the safety of people who live in Poulso. The entrance/exit for Baywatch was designed for only 24 homes. Before adding to the already dangerous situation look at all the aspects. Thank you for your time and open mind.
Andrea Baldonado