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This is James Bailey and we would like a hearing for Larry Hand's ADU proposal. We would like an email confirmation that you received this request of a hearing date.

Thank you

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To Humboldt County Planning Division  
Director of Planning & Building Department  
Senior Planner Rodney Yandell  
Date 10-19-23  
RE Opposition to Notice of Intent to Approve a Special Permit PLN-2023-002



Greetings,

**We Stringently Object to & Oppose this Special Permit to Exceed ADU size of 1200 sq ft.**

It may lay out on paper with regulations, but on the ground between my 2800 sq ft house and their 2032 sq ft house, **it will be DEVASTATING** to us.

I understand a Public Hearing has been requested and will occur on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
We will be there.

Based on the setbacks and the existing location of my house to the parcel line and the setback for the new construction, it looks like **these 2 large houses will be 60 feet apart.**  
That would put this new house closer to my house, than my garage-Toolshop is, on my property.  
This new house will look like it belongs on my lot, not on the lot next door.

**I have seen no plans that document how many feet from the existing landmark wire fence, the new construction will be,** so must go by the plans with 10 ft setback from 40ft Right Of Way..

Nothing official has identified where on the ground the building will start, that i have seen.  
I'm thinking now that my house is 10ft from the 40 ft Right Of Way, so that comes to buildings 60 ft apart.

Even if the house location is 30 feet beyond the fence line, it will have a similar impact for us.

**A 2032 sq ft house lurking on the edge of my property, will ruin the experience of our 3 1/2 acre home, and the purpose for which we bought, and labored for.**

It is right outside the main room where my elderly disabled wife spends her time - the Master Bedroom. It will dominate the windows in the Master Bedroom. We will have to close the windows off  
We will hear each other in bedrooms, bathrooms, the yard, and hear television, music, conversations, across the fenceline.  
It will dominate our life in our home, and when we walk out into our front/south yard.  
These are not the conditions in which we bought this home.

**We needed and bought this 3.5 acre home as a country home with privacy, because we could not see or hear any neighbors here. Some people are like that, need that.**

The closest neighbor house currently is 490 ft away, the other 675 ft away.  
We have lived here 4 1/2 years, have put years of hard work and effort improving this home to make it work for us and be happy here.

**This will destroy what we wanted when we came here, and the years of hard effort and money we put into it.** It will change the conditions under which we bought the property.

**It will force us to put this house on the market to sell, and look for another home to buy and move to.**

This is really a problem because at this stage we are older and more fragile: physically, mentally, and emotionally, than we used to be. My wife is disabled, and I'm about to retire, will be on Fixed Income. We swore we would never move again, that this would be our last house, that we wanted to die here. We are really in a fix, because i don't think we can cope with selling and moving, physically, mentally....

**And the year of construction noises of an oversized 2032 sq ft house next to our fence, will be intolerable for my wife.**

She is 73 years old, disabled, with 5 artificial joints, arthritis, chronic pain, Seasonal Affective Disorder, and more. She is very sensitive to sound, to the point I have to watch TV with captions on and sound off, and not speak loudly. *MSL*

She literally may not survive the experience.

She already had 1 meltdown last weekend, with shooting high blood pressure, pounding headache, very angry, wanting to pound the walls at the idea of this, digestive upset with bleeding, and depression. She is actually quite fragile physically, mentally, and emotionally. This house keeps her at her best. We had hoped and prayed the building would not proceed.

**We have no other place to go.**

My wife has special needs that we have worked years to accommodate. It would be very difficult to find a house that works for her, as this one does. It was hard to find this one. Trying to move again and start over, would have too much impact on her, because it would take time she cannot afford in the remaining years of her life, to make changes she needs now every day. It would cripple her further, and **she may not survive the stress and impact of the move and starting over again at a new house.**

These 2 lots total 6.3 acres. This proposes to put a 2800 sq ft house and a 2032 sq ft house, 60 feet apart, in approximately the same .68 of an acre.

**Putting these 2 big houses in the same 2/3 acre area, 60 feet apart, or possibly 80 feet apart. Essentially putting these 2 houses on 1/3 acre each, butted up next to each other. How can that be good planning and zoning, for 3.5 acre lot and a 2.8 acre lot.**

**We are not the only ones that will be adversely impacted if this plan goes through.**

Whoever buys our house in the future, will not have a 3 1/2 acre country experience with privacy. **They will have a 1/3 acre suburb experience, with neighbors very close by.**

This will negatively impact our property value, and for anyone in the future. And will negatively impact our ability to sell our house.

NOTE: I do not know why this project is exempt from the CEQA guidelines, but will ask about it.

**We need help.**

**We need the protection of the governing agency of this county, the Director of Planning & Building Dept, and any other parties involved in the review in the upcoming public hearing, to look out for the impact to our lives, to our property.**

**We barely cope now with life. Struggle to cope with life as we are.** Some people are like that, particularly older people, and those with serious health issues. I don't know how we would cope with either trying to stay here while they build & after, or trying to move. I'm at the end of my rope, trying to keep her comfortable and functional, as it is, without any building so close to our fence line boundary.

This will have a devastating impact on us.

**Please do NOT approve the Special Permit to Exceed the 1200 sq ft regulations for an ADU, right on the other side of our wire fence, so close to our Master Bedroom and front yard.**

**ALTERNATIVE:**

**They could build on the east side of the 2.8 acre property, with the 2032 sq ft house they want. Then all 3 current houses (to west, east, and south) and the new house, would have good spacing for privacy, like good planning would do.**

**Look at an aerial photo of the 2 lots with current house.**

They could use the currently planned Septic System on the west side, and run a pipe over to the house on the east side, as the DEH Inspector described.

They would probably have to haul in some fill or topsoil, but many of the homes in this area have to do that.

**We offered to help them with the costs of changing to the East side, if they agreed to NOT build on the west side, so close to our house.**

Thank you for your consideration and sincere thought on this matter.  
We are in great need of it.

Patrick Boland



Andrea Boland



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The neighbor most severely impacted by this proposed project (on the west side of fence line)  
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