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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my severe concern and disagreement regarding the proposed youth facility at 4321 Grouse Road by MPI MAGNOLIA PROPERTIES (the "Applicant") in our community.

I have read many letters from fellow neighbours that have very legitimate concerns regarding the current water supply, barely adequate sewage and winter road conditions. I wanted to point out that school busses are often getting stuck and the road leading to Grouse is sometimes only available by 4x4, I personally have had to meet the school bus stuck up Haldi Road to retrieve my children more than once. It is irresponsible to believe that the staff travelling to the proposed facility will all drive 4x4's. Will the acceptance of this permit allow this road to be a priority for snow clearing? RCMP and other first responders will need to attend the proposed location often.

Although I do not disagree with any of my neighbours' opinions on the potential negative impact this center would have on our community, I am writing to you as a mother, we have children that range in ages 3 to adulthood and in that bunch I am a mother to a [Redacted]

[Redacted] Please understand and have empathy to the vulnerability this is exposing us to. A youth center such as the proposed is absolutely not appropriate in a community such as Haldi Road. The company that is currently applying for this permit also owns Maples Adolescent Treatment Center in the Lower Mainland, we have previously [Redacted]  
[Redacted] This terrifies me as to what we could expect in our neighbourhood with the youth attending the proposed facility. One of the [Redacted] [Redacted] is Conduct Disorder, if you are not familiar with CD it is a mental health disorder that can be physical aggression (such as cruelty toward animals, assault or rape), violating others' rights (such as theft or vandalism), lying or manipulation and delinquent behavior (such as truancy or running away from home). Terrifying that if [Redacted] aren't extreme enough to attend, what would be? Very scary for the surrounding homes. We as a family have always ensured that our fellow neighbours are not affected as much as we can. As a mother to a [Redacted] I cannot say strongly enough that Prince George needs more services for children that are not under MCFD care but a residential neighbourhood is absolutely NOT an acceptable location for this type of care facility. This would alter our neighbourhoods feeling of safety greatly.

The limits of containing, restraining and self-defence the staff have at a youth centre such as Maples or the proposed center are quite limited. Our family has waited over 2 hours to 911 calls placed [Redacted]

Redacted for rcmp attendance as well as car 60. The amount of destruction and harm that can be caused in that time are astronomical. I fear for the families and especially the children that will be in close proximity to the youth that will be onsite if this permit is granted.

My parents moved their family to the Haldi area in 1985, my brother and I attended Haldi Road Elementary and we have witnessed the growth and change for almost 40 years. The Haldi Road area is special, it is a family-oriented community still in city limits but with the feeling of rural living. It is so special that I purchased my family home and have chosen to raise my children here as well. Many people talk that the days of kick the can until dark are gone but on our street they still exist. We still have the days of kids asking for yard lights to be set up to extend sledding time, capture the flag competitions that involve multiple properties and block BBQ's. We have neighbours that watch for our kids walking home on the bus and when there is a bear known to be around, they drive them home - this sense of safety amongst neighbours is almost unheard of these days but it still exists in our community and we are incredibly grateful. It is undeniable that the acceptance of this facility will forever change that.

I wasn't going to write a letter or engage in opposing this permit application, on the premise that I didn't understand the process as well as the vulnerability it would bring to our family. When I read other letters written by my neighbours, especially Tammy Fennels letter, it opened up so many emotions and legitimate fears if this center was to proceed.

Please consider supporting a permit for this center in a different location that would not have direct impact on so many small children and growing families daily.

Sincerely,  
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