

June 3rd, 2024

Planning Commission
City of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Submitted via email: plancomm@alexandriava.gov

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Imlay family, I appreciate the Commission's consideration of our comments pertaining to a proposal to develop the property at 635 Upland Place. Specifically, the proposal involves an application—submitted by builder Windmill Hill Designs—to subdivide the property into two lots (with a house on each lot) and variance request to address frontage issues. Our interest in this issue stems from our ownership of a house adjacent to 635 Upland, located on the east side of the property. We ask that our comments be included in the Commission's permanent record on this matter.

The Commission has been sent some letters with lots of reasons not to build. I've read a few and agree with them. However, rather than make a bunch of points, I'd like to summarize why not approving this development is the right thing to do. Approving the building of these huge multimillion dollar houses low down in the wetlands is bad for the environment and animals that live in the wetlands, it's bad for people who live in the surrounding houses of these wetlands, and it does absolutely nothing to alleviate the affordable housing issues facing our great city.

Thank you for the Commission's consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Keith and Lynne Imlay