To the Attention of the Bainbridge Island Planning Department.

I am writing in reference to the application and proposal to construct a 240 foot dock on Little Manzanita Bay.

I am OPPOSED to the construction of this dock.

Little Manzanita Bay (referred to as The Little Cove) extends to the east of the north end of Manzanita Bay. While it is connected to Manzanita Bay, it is a distinct geographical feature and not a part of the larger bay and is referred to as “Little Manzanita Bay” on official maps.

The larger bay is approximately 4000 feet in length north to south and 2000 feet wide at its mouth east to west. It has approximately 30 docks, the longest of which is approximately 240 feet. The south 800 feet of Manzanita Bay contains no docks at all due to shallow waters. This is an important point.

By contrast, Little Manzanita Bay, The Little Cove, has a mouth of approximately 800 feet from north to south and a length of approximately 1100 feet, with the majority of the Cove being very shallow. Most of the bay seafloor can be seen at low tide. The small bay narrows rapidly to the south end. There are only two docks on the Cove which I estimate in aerial maps to be well under 100 feet in length.

While docks on the larger bay are numerous and of comparable size to the proposal, comparison and suitability for constructing a dock of these dimensions on the Little Cove using Manzanita Bay as justification is very misleading. Additionally, this dock proposal will include two boat lifts accommodating two, 50 foot yachts.

I request that the Planning Department examine the geography of the two bays, using Google Earth, to see the impact on Little Manzanita Bay and the neighbors and visitors that use the bay. They say one picture is worth a thousand words and a greater aerial overview will reveal what the schematic and plan proposals of the application do not show. Consider this dock will be over half the length of a super jumbo ferry (460 ft). This dock would also be nearly a third of the length of the mouth of the bay and completely out of scale for a cove of this size.

I would also like to invite the decision makers in the approval process to do on-site inspection of the area and proposed job site to get a better idea of the magnitude of the proposal.

To reiterate, I believe the size and scope of this project is inappropriate for Little Manzanita Bay.

I have lived at my present address for over 20 years.
Respectfully,

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