FAIRMONT SOUTHAMPTON SDO: BAD FOR BERMUDA

Gencom could have already started the long-overdue renovation of the hotel and proceeded with the 2009 SDO, which allows 180 additional units, instead, they continue to hold the hotel hostage to extract maximum concessions from our Government.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FAIRMONT SOUTHAMPTON SITE AS PROPOSED BY GENCOM IS:

BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
• 250 units will be built, many on protected green space, with associated roads and parking – a massive overdevelopment of the land

BAD FOR TOURISM
• The high-density development model is wrong for Bermuda, and ongoing construction for decades will damage the viability of the hotel
• The site’s present best tourism asset – its world-class golf course – will be modified and downgraded, with its greens surrounded by multi-storey condos

BAD FOR TAXPAYERS
• $125-$153 million in tax relief
• $75 million loan guarantee

BAD FOR BERMUDIANS
• The SDO would give overseas investors an opportunity to develop real estate on land zoned for protection. Bermudians cannot do this with their own land. Why should we allow venture capitalists to desecrate our natural heritage forever for their own profit?
• The developer has failed to prove the economic benefit to Bermuda and Bermudians.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

IF YOU ARE AGAINST THE SDO, YOU HAVE UNTIL THIS FRIDAY 18 AUGUST TO LET THE GOVERNMENT KNOW.

• Write to Premier Burt (premier@gov.bm) and Minister Roban (roban@labour.gov.bm). Hard copy letters should be sent to The Cabinet Office, 105 Front Street, Hamilton HM02.
• Sign the letter below and deliver it to Ener at Waterlife, 2 Poinander Road. We will pass it on to Planning and the Minister.

Future generations will thank you!

I OBJECT TO THE FAIRMONT SOUTHAMPTON SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER (SD00002-23) BECAUSE:

1. The scale of the development is inappropriate for Bermuda's tiny landmass.
2. The claimed tourism and economic benefits of the high-density condo model are unproven.
3. The main beneficiaries of the proposed development will be overseas investors at the expense of Bermuda and Bermudians.

The developer should proceed with the renovation of the hotel as soon as possible and the scale of new development should be limited to the 180 units of the previously approved 2009 SDO.

Signature: ___________________________________________  Print Name: ___________________________________________
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