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Mrs. Victoria Cordeiro  
Department of Planning  
58 Court Street  
Hamilton, HM 12

Re; Objection to Application P0024-23 Shark Hole

As an advocate for the conservation of Bermuda's protected and open spaces, we must strongly object to Application P0024-23 for the construction of a guest cottage at Shark Hole. We fully support the points made by the other objectors to this application. The proposal does not comply with the objectives of the Bermuda Plan for Coastal Reserve which include:

- COR (1) To protect and conserve the ecological, natural, historic and scenic features and qualities of Bermuda's coastal areas, inshore waters and islands
- COR (2) To protect the coastal areas and islands from coastal erosion by minimizing development within these areas and maintaining their open, natural state

In particular, the proposal will significantly diminish the ecological, natural and scenic features of the Harrington Sound shoreline. This was once a beautiful and isolated portion of the Harrington Sound coast that was enjoyed by many. The Tucker's Point SDO permitted nearby development that has diminished the natural amenity of the area. Allowing this additional insult will have a major detrimental impact and flies in the face of the COR objectives.

This is an inappropriate location for the construction of a guest cottage given the very narrow nature of this strip of land and its protection as Coastal Reserve. In addition, we are extremely concerned about the safety risk for access and egress to the property for the users of the property as well as passing traffic. The application says that this will be used by RWTP Hotels Ltd as a hotel key and thereby should be allowed by the COR policies as a tourist development. What measures are in place that would prevent them from building on the property and then selling it to a private owner?

As stated in the other objections filed for this application, the Tucker's Point SDO gave development rights to two properties that should have been given Coastal Reserve protections. If the intention was to allow further development of their holdings on the coast, then this property would have been included and it was not. Perhaps it was not included as the location was clearly unsuitable. Development is allowed in Coastal Reserve at the discretion of the DAB and we urge them to use this discretion wisely and refuse this application

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Janice Hetzel