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Subject: Low barrier homeless shelter

All:

I am owner of Bellingham Athletic Club, one of our clubs is located on the corner of York and Cornwall and will be directly impacted if the plans go ahead for the low barrier homeless shelter. I would like to see this site removed from consideration, it is quite far from the Lighthouse Mission, this area (Cornwall and Whatcom Creek) has had considerable problem with the expanding homeless problem, my staff who arrives at 4:00am and leaves in the late evenings are frequently frightened by this population, camping outside our rear doors where employees enter and exit. Our members have also been accosted by the transient homeless. Added loitering around the homeless shelter is only apt to add to the problem. There are many challenges facing small businesses trying to operate in the Downtown area, we do not need to add another.

I understand the problem is a tough one, but let's make sure the solutions make sense

Respectfully

Cathy Buckley