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To: [DNV Input](#)
Subject: 756-778 Forsman Avenue - Project Feedback for Nov 17th public hearing
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I would like there to be consideration for a noise abating wall between Keith Rd and Hwy 1. This has been mentioned during similar construction projects in the area and eventually it's going to be required. I would like the District to consider its plans to fund this and/or do so in partnership with one of these developments. What makes this section of the highway especially impactful is the congestion around the westbound on-ramp and the starting/stopping of cars (which increases the noise beyond the normal highway noise).

Thanks,

Chris Mitchell



November 17, 2015

Mayor and Council
District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver BC V7N 4N5

Bylaw 8138 for 756-778 Forsman Avenue townhouse project

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. Biking to school has countless benefits for students and the community, including promoting every day physical activity, forming healthy habits, building children's independence, stronger sense of community, less air pollution and congestion, safer streets, and lower cost transportation for families compared to driving.

The HUB North Shore Committee has reviewed the report for the proposed rezoning of 756-778 Forsman Ave next to Lynnmour Elementary School. The rezoning provides an opportunity to build safe cycling access to the school for students and staff.

Currently Forsman Ave is a quiet street outside school hours, but traffic increases substantially during school drop-off and pick-up hours making cycling on the street dangerous, especially for children. The sidewalk is too narrow for bikes to share with children and parents walking to school.

We noticed proposed vehicular and pedestrians improvements in the rezoning report, but cycling improvements are not mentioned. Below please find our suggestions to make cycling to Lynnmour Elementary safer.

- Instead of a new sidewalk, build a wide shared path (at least 3 metres wide). The path should be on the east side of Forsman where the townhouse development is planned. A path on the west side would create conflict between bikes and cars at the entrance to the school parking lot.
- If vehicular access to the school is moved to Orwell Street in the future, a shared path on Forsman would still be beneficial and a low cost investment for a healthier and more connected community.

Rezoning for developments present a cost-effective opportunity to plan and build for the future. We strongly encourage the District to consider this opportunity and include facilities that encourage active transportation.

Sincerely,

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