

Sample Letter to Local Trust Committee at ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca with **OCP/LUB Review in the Subject line**

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Subject: OCP/LUB review

Dear Trustees:

This letter is about what I would like to see incorporated into an amended Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning or Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

It is critical that the current growth limits in our OCP be maintained as stated in policy B.2.1.2.1 and no new policy be added to nullify these growth limits.

B.2.1.2.1 states that “Zoning changes should be avoided if they would likely result in a larger island population than is expected under the development potential zoned in 2008. Exceptions to this policy are to be few and minor and only to achieve affordable housing and other objectives of this Plan.”

- Current zoning allows more properties to be developed. However, no MORE residences should be authorized through rezoning except those for legally-restricted, affordable housing or a valuable community amenity.
- Do not incorporate into the OCP or LUB flexible zoning, floor area zoning, or any zoning that allows more residences to be built on properties than allowed by current zoning. This is just another way to add houses without the necessary restrictions that would assure affordability for island workers.
- The OCP should state that no new commercial development should be authorized that will use North Salt Spring Waterworks water. Any new or increased connections should go, as much as possible, to legally-restricted, affordable housing.