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Mr. Ian Rawlings, Junior Planner
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Subject: Proposed amendment to Town of Essex Zoning By-Law 1037 to change 206 Chester Road into Short Term Rental Unit

Summary: The owners of [REDACTED] are opposed to the proposed amendment to the General Zoning By-law 1037 under the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990

Dear Mr. Rawlings:

We moved to the Colchester neighbourhood of Westchester Beach in August of 2022. We very much enjoy living here: The neighbourhood is quiet and peaceful (which as an older couple we appreciate), everyone is friendly and civic-minded, and we appreciate the long residential histories of many of the families here, who take great pride in this little community. We would not have moved here if we had thought that the property across the road would be turned into a short-term rental property (or, to be blunt, a party house). We know of local instances of notable problems, often persistent, that stem from short-term rentals—noise, disruptive and disrespectful conduct etc. For example, we are aware of a short-term rental situation in the village so bad that an adjacent law-abiding family had to sell their home and build elsewhere. We do not want to be the next family to be forced out.

We have spoken to most of our neighbours and they feel the same way. Please do not allow our well-established and pleasant little neighbourhood to be subject to likely disruption and degradation. We urge you strongly not to start down the slippery slope to residential decay, especially in the midst of the housing crisis, which is thwarting the needs and aspirations of families. Short-term rentals will not solve the problem but only make it worse.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne & Mark Letteri

