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Marlborough District Council,
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Attn Nadine Taylor - Mayor
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Ref: Duncan Bay Waste Transfer Station

As property owners and residents in Duncan Bay we strongly object to the MDC proposal to site a waste transfer station in Duncan Bay as outlined in the SOP discussion documentation.

Doubtless you are aware that Duncan Bay residents were denied the right to continue to dispose of their green waste by burning on the site now proposed for the waste transfer station. The Commissioner at that hearing determined that the area was an 'outstanding natural landscape' and that such on-going activity had to be declined.

We find it astonishing that the Council is now considering this foreshore site for the construction and operation of a waste transfer station. This site is prone to flooding from both excessively high tides and the Duncan Bay stream that borders it. It is also in a high wind area and exposed to very strong winds gusts which will hinder site operation and potentially lead to stored waste material being spread around the bay. Climate change and rising sea levels, as well as high rainfall in this area of the Marlborough Sounds will only exacerbate these problems in future.

Unfortunately the nature of such sites attracts vermin and would put at risk the eradication program that is well established by residents.

Since the community was established the residents have always taken out their own waste material for disposal and we can see no reason why this practice cannot continue. It would make much more sense if the existing Rai valley transfer station was to be upgraded and provide a green waste disposal facility as well.

Yours sincerely

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