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Dear Editor

There has been talk around the town since the draft Seymour Local Plan was issued about special interest groups "hijacking" the plan. Let's look at the facts.

There is clear public evidence as to what the vast majority of Seymour residents want in terms of growth, and it is not what development minded folks are pushing.

The Mark Trend telephone surveys undertaken for DNV showed that 58% of Seymour residents wanted NO residential development whatsoever, while 84% (cumulative) wanted 1% or less. There was very strong support for including in the growth rates any growth on Indian Band lands, because that development uses infrastructure and contributes to our traffic bottlenecks. Furthermore, residents wanted the east-west traffic problems fixed BEFORE any further growth.

So developers and their friends can say what they want, but the draft plan represents the majority wishes – a vast majority – 84%! It's called community based planning. It's called democracy.

Let's be clear who is trying to hijack the plan. It's developers, and certain developer friendly council members.

If the residents committee's who worked on the plan with DNV staff have "hijacked" the plan as some have claimed publicly, it's the first hijacking I've seen where the hijackers take the "victims" where surveys prove they want to go!

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