

**From:** [Dianna Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Cc:** [rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com)  
**Subject:** Opposition - Tampa Bay Tres Dian Monday 11 July 9am - Planning & Zoning Commission  
**Date:** Saturday, July 9, 2022 6:48:22 PM

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To: Omar DePablo & Michelle Miller  
CC: Renee Holcomb (neighbor)

From: Anthony L Fodera & Dianna L Wilson  
23070 Skyview Cir  
Brooksville, FL 34602

File# SE-22-08  
Parcel#1153307, 11775007

We are unable to attend this meeting that we were unaware of. We, the occupants of 23070 Skyview Circle, formally oppose the Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly for the above parcels.

Batten Road is a very popular route for bicycle club rides. The road is narrow, and not a standard width road. The hills make it difficult to pass when there are rides going on, and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians. These are pre-existing safety issues for bicyclists and pedestrians, prior to considering any additional traffic. In addition, there has already been several accidents at the corner of Batten Road & Powell Road, some resulting in death. This intersection has no traffic light to assist turning onto Powell Road.

In addition, there are (to the best of my knowledge) no operating businesses or apartments along Batten Rd. It is a quiet agricultural and residential community, comprised primarily of farm land and single family dwellings. Without further knowledge about the frequency of use of the proposed structures, we are left with lingering concerns about traffic and noise that might threaten the peace and serenity of the area so many of us moved to for that purpose.

**From:** [Chris Wright](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Planning, Zoning Commission File #SE-22-08, Parcel Key 1153307 and 11775007  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 7:34:27 AM

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**Please be advised that I strongly oppose the proposed special exception use permit referenced in File # SE-22-08 regarding Parcel Key(s) 1153307 and 11775007 for the following reasons:**

- **DENSITY**- We moved into Spring Lake Forrest in April '21 and chose this area specifically due to the lack of over development exhibited by both Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The immediate surroundings, all being AG, are of primary concern to us and were paramount in our decision to relocate to Hernando County.
- **TRAFFIC**- Batten Road is too small to handle the traffic that the proposed use will generate, especially when the occupants ingress/egress for events. This will impede our (the residents) ability to travel freely during those peak times.
- **NOISE**- There are certain levels of noise in our community. Some of the noise is even considered loud. However, the noises are generated by expected activities such as tractors, farm machinery, bird cannons and livestock. The possible noises generated by an Assembly (i.e. music, celebratory noises, group activities etc.) are NOT expected and NOT desired. We value (and paid for) the peace and quiet of the rural countryside.
- **IT IS UNNECESSARY**- There are a multitude of vacant properties in Hernando County which are already zoned for this type of use and would provide the petitioners the space they request. It should be obvious that this request will negatively impact the surrounding residents and therefore should be denied.

Sincerely,

Chris Wright  
23000 Skyview Cir.  
Brooksville, FL 34602

**Chris Wright,**

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**From:** [Allison Davis-Lollie Performance Horses & Mustangs](#)  
**To:** [Renee Holcomb](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 7:16:55 PM

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On top of that vehicle traffic has already greatly increased since the Ayers Road extention. This has caused and increase in accidents at the Culbreath Road, Ayers Road, and Hayman Road intersection. Allowing this will cause nothing, but more issue in our rural community!

Batten Road sustains a lot of pedestrian foot traffic and bicycle traffic weekdays and weekends. This area of hernando county needs to remain as is to ensure safety of our friends and loved ones!

Cody and Allison Davis-Lollie  
74 Culbreath Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602



**From:** [Darlene Lollie](#)  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com); [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:47:38 AM

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**From:** [Darlene Lollie](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#); [Renee Holcomb](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 6:51:06 AM

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Darlene Lollie  
68 Culbreath Road  
Brooksville FL 34602

**Darlene Lollie :o)**  
**ALWAYS MAKE THE BEST OF EVERY BAD SITUATION!!!**  
**Hakuna Matata (No Worries for the rest of your days)**

On Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:06:54 AM EDT, Renee Holcomb <[rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com)> wrote:

Hi,

Would you mind adding your name and address and the following info and resending? It will help with our petition.

This email is in relation to Parcel Keys: 1153307 11775007 and file #Se-22-08.

Thanks so much!

Renee

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**From:** Darlene Lollie <[ccairboa@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccairboa@bellsouth.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com) <[rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com)>; [mlmiller@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mlmiller@hernandocounty.us) <[mlmiller@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mlmiller@hernandocounty.us)>; [odepablo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:odepablo@hernandocounty.us) <[odepablo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:odepablo@hernandocounty.us)>  
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**From:** [Dawn Hyatt](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** Tampa Bay Tres Diaz parcel 1153307, 11775007  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 9:05:06 AM

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Dear Omar and Michelle,

I urge you to please submit my opposition to the rezoning of batten road parcels for the purpose of the tres Diaz religious retreat. Our quiet way of life on batten road is in deep jeopardy. I moved here to 23041 Spear Point Lane for the purpose of escaping the hustle and bustle of city life in Tampa. I strongly oppose any new development on Batten Road.

Please do not approve!

Sincerely,

Dawn M Hyatt

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**From:** [Dianne Thomas-Secord](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tres Dias Establishment/Retreat located on the west side of Batten Road, Hernando County, Florida  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 8:33:10 PM

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Good Evening,

As a resident of the Spring Lake Forest community, I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed site of the above listed. My home is on the north side of Skyview Circle, and the site at issue, is virtually in my backyard.

Please understand that I am not opposed to the religious establishment, per se, but to the additional traffic this retreat would bring to our area. Ever since the paving of Batten Road, it has become a thoroughfare for anyone wanting to travel from Hayman to Powell, or vice versa, most of whom do not even adhere to the posted speed limit. In addition, our community has become a hub for both bicyclists & motorcyclists, adding to the congestion we are already experiencing. I, like my neighbors, am opposed to adding to that congestion.

We are only a small country road. Please consider our community's opposition and disallow the establishment of this retreat at its present proposed site.

Thank you.

Dianne Thomas-Secord  
23149 Skyview Circle, Brooksville, FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dianne Thomas-Secord](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
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Thank you.

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**From:** [altm5473@bellsouth.net](mailto:altm5473@bellsouth.net)  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com); [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit - Tresdias - Batten Road  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 4:59:12 PM

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It has come to our attention there is a Special Exception Use Permit for Tampa Bay Tres Dias.

We vehemently object to approving this permit. We are a community and putting dormitories up with this type of activity in this area will have a significant negative impact on our property values and will be further reaching than just those properties within 500 feet of their area. There are plenty of commercial properties where they can build their buildings, dorms, parking lot, flood lights and all such things that deteriorate the value of the peacefulness of this rural community.

In addition, I have done some research on this group and would not want them even as a distant neighbor. I support my friends and neighbors in opposition of this request.

Please support our community and do not allow this to occur.

Thank you.

Gene and Ann Altman  
23031 Hayman Road  
Brooksville, FL 34602  
352.796.5473

**From:** [Janeen Gorman](#)  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com); [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - DATED JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 8:24:24 PM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Janeen Gorman and I reside at 22959 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. The reason for my email is to express my disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. We are tax payers and the reason for moving into Hernando County is for the peace and tranquility as well as quality of life for my family. I am concerned that allowing a religious organization that is tax exempt to build 5 dormitories on Batten Road will significantly affect our neighborhood in a negative way.

Batten Road is a narrow and hilly road that cannot handle the current flow of traffic let alone allow an organization that is charging for 3-day retreat to invade our community thereby increasing traffic flow as well as bringing transit people in our surrounding neighborhood. We as current tax payers expect our county protect and provide safety for it's tax paying residents and with the county giving us last minute notice of this proposal is irresponsible as it does not give it's residents enough time to plan and make arrangements to come together to express our concerns. I hope this proposal doesn't go through as the county will be responsible for any events of trespassing and or infringements of our rights to live in Hernando County. I hope the county takes responsibility and make the right decision for it's residents and protect and provide the tax payers the well needed safety and tranquility that we already enjoy living the Brooksville.

Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for it's residents.

Sincerely,  
Janeen & George Gorman  
22959 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville FL 34602

**From:** [Renee Holcomb](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposition to dormitories on batten  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 7:04:38 AM

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See message below from a concerned resident.

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**From:** **Krista Vandetti** <[kristam1624@yahoo.com](mailto:kristam1624@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:47 AM  
**Subject:** Opposition to dormitories on batten  
**To:** <[rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com)>

Good Morning,

My name is Krista Vandetti. My Husband and I live on 22733 SkyView Cir and we oppose dormitories moving into our quite community. If you ask anyone in this area most people moved out here and the property in this area is highly sought out for the peace and solidarity. Please consider a different location as we have moved here for more property, less people and the ability to enjoy land in our beautiful state uninterrupted from traffic and light pollution. Thank you for considering our request,  
Nick and Krista Vandetti

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Alwezi8 Apprec18](#)  
**To:** [rhoicomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rhoicomb@almostnewservices.com); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - FOR JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:26:08 PM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am resident at 22702 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. I am shocked to receive a last minute notice from the county regarding the proposed zoning hearing on Batten Road for a religious organization to build 5 dormitories on Batten road. This is extremely incompetent of the county to give it's residents such a short notice making it difficult for residents to make time to properly represent the neighborhood against this proposal. It sounds like this is the county's intent to pass this proposal without the residents approval. I am sure that the religious organization filled the permit a while back but I find it strange that the county withheld this request until last minute to notify the tax paying residents and hope that this is not an attempt to circumvent the process and just approve the request.

The reason for this email is to express our disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. As taxpayers, we do not see any benefits of having an organization set up a retreat and jeopardize the true nature of living in Brooksville by bringing in people from all over to congest our quiet neighborhood. I believe that will also affect our property value and take away from the neighborhood the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. Why should an organization that does not pay taxes be allowed to just invade our community? Can the county explain to the taxpayers why they are entertaining such requests? A short research on the proposed organization gives us mixed feelings and we do not think this is the right organization for our private neighborhood. I urge the county to do proper due diligence before even considering allowing such organization in our neighborhood.

The county and our political representatives' duties are to provide a safe and tranquil environment to its residents as well as provide adequate infrastructure to its residents. We do not have high speed internet and have yet to see any movement on the rural infrastructure funds that is allocated to the state of Florida and the county, but yet you chose to entertain a non tax paying entity to build a 5 dormitory in our neighborhood. I can assure you that even with the short notice, our neighborhood stand together against this proposal and we urge the county to disapprove this request

Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for its residents.

Sincerely,

Linda Ghalieh & Edwin Oyakhilome  
22702 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville FL 34602

**From:** [Lisa Serafini](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parcel 1153307 and 11775007  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 8:51:27 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As a Batten Road resident, I am opposed to the special exception use permit on the above two parcels.

Lisa Serafini  
3025 Batten Road  
Brooksville, FL 34602

**From:** [Nicole D](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** NO DORMATORIES ON BATTEN  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 7:21:40 PM

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Good evening.

For whatever reason I have struggled multiple times to email. My message being considered spam. So. Trying again.

Concerned citizen here.

The last thing this town needs is MORE DEVELOPMENT let alone a potential cult organization of all things. What religious group needs dormatories? Its not a school. Its not a barracks. Why here? How many people and what type of people are they looking to house here? Not to mentiin changing the zoning will not just effect people's homes let alone traffic but the local ag businesses. There are multiple hay farms, horse and livestock farms in that area.

I do not live on batten but I have FAMILY AND FRIENDS that do. So I frequently visit this area. Traffic has already significantly increased causing near weekly accidents at Ayers and Culbreath.

The fact the community has been given 0 notice to attend the meeting just shows the intent here. This is a disgusting use of local property. Disgusting treatment of the families and businesses already in existence in that area. To change zoning for something so foolish blows my mind. I love this town. Love this community and the last thing I want to see is it further destroyed for the sake of the oh mighty dollar and opening the door to lord knows what here.

Signed  
Nicole D'Arrigo  
11460 Star Rd Brooksville fl

**From:** [Marianne Vadasz](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Cc:** [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** Special Exemption Permit  
**Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 9:57:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [Planning and Zoning Committee Juv 2022.docx](#)

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Marianne

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July 9, 2022

Reginald and Marianne Vadasz  
2305 Batten Rd.  
Brooksville FL 34602  
813-690-1941  
Parcel Key: 00384015 and 01641316

Attn: Hernando County Planning Department

RE: File # SE-22-08 Applicant: Tampa Bay Tres Dias, Special Exception Use Permit

Dear Mr. DePablo and Ms. Miller,

We have recently been advised that a property near us on Batten Rd. is being considered for a Special Exception Use Permit. Respectfully, please be advised that we adamantly oppose such an Exception for several reasons.

We are a quiet, rural neighborhood with little traffic and lots of beautiful wildlife. And that is exactly why we purchased our home on 16 acres and moved here over 15 years ago. We loved our property and our neighborhood so much that we purchased an additional 20 acres so that we could continue to enjoy our rural life and also be a haven to the wildlife that surrounds us. We will not be able to do that if the County gives "Special Exception" for a place of Public Assembly of ANY kind. This is NOT an area where a commercial type of business (church or any other public business) should be allowed to operate. ***We are an agricultural area and we should be able to stay that way, no exceptions!***

Our neighborhood cannot handle the traffic that an exception like this will bring. Batten Road is not wide enough for public traffic, nor do we want it widened!

We currently enjoy fresh, clean water. That **will NOT** be the case if public assembly groups are given Special Exceptions to build on these properties.

We have invested a ton of money, as well as blood, sweat and tears into our homestead. Allowing special exceptions for public groups will certainly have a **negative effect** on our property values. We need to keep our neighborhood AS IS, and not allow zoning exceptions.

Thank you,  
Reginald and Marianne Vadasz

**From:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
**To:** [Alan Congdon](#)  
**Subject:** FW: File number SE-22-08; Parcel Key 1152207, 11775007  
**Date:** Friday, July 8, 2022 4:45:39 PM

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**Michelle L. Miller, M.S.**  
**Acting Planning Administrator** | Planning Division  
Hernando County Development Services Department  
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**Website:** <http://www.hernandocounty.us/plan>

*"If not us, who? If not now, when?" – John F. Kennedy*

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**From:** Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** Omar DePablo <ODePablo@hernandocounty.us>; Michelle Miller <MLMiller@co.hernando.fl.us>  
**Cc:** Rita Faltus <faltusb@aol.com>; Fuqua Carol <mysunplace@verizon.net>  
**Subject:** File number SE-22-08; Parcel Key 1152207, 11775007

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Hello,

We are writing in response to a notice of public hearing for File number SE-22-08 and parcel Key 1153307 and 11775007 and would like more information than what is provided in the applicant's request.

This group per their own website could have hundreds of people attending meetings and Batten Road is too narrow, winding, and hilly to provide adequate access to this number of attendees. As it stands both my husband and myself have narrowly avoided being hit by cars and trucks when we are walking off the side of the road as there is no sidewalk, the shoulder is sloped and dangerous and there is no bike lane. For example, one truck came within 6" of hitting me when I was 3 feet off the road, in broad daylight, and wearing neon green. Additionally, we have surges of traffic every weekend (i.e., bicycle clubs and races, motorcycle clubs, and car clubs).

That said, I and my neighbors would like to know:

1. How many dormitories, how many occupants per room, what is the maximum occupancy, etc. of the facilities? Can this be limited through the special exception?

2. How will they obtain clean water? We have arsenic in the water and heavy use by a facility like this could make our water/ wells have other issues. The last time I checked our water on the east side of the street is >100 ppb for the 3 residences closest to the site (the current government limits I believe are 0 ppb). And Ms. Webb had approximately 50 ppb per one source. This is so high the DEP is supplying us with whole house water filters and a reverse osmosis in the kitchen for drinking water.
3. They make it sound like this will only be a couple of times a year, but once they have a special exception if they start having meetings monthly, weekly or even continuously is this a violation of the special exceptions?
4. We are concerned with light pollution. Will the special exception require them to shut down exterior light sources when they are not in residence?

No matter how large this group is or how often they meet, this is not compatible with our quiet residential area. We moved to this residential and agricultural area to maintain a certain quality of life and something like this will disturb our peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhood, not to mention the effect on our property values. There is a property on Cedar Lane that was once a Christian retreat, which is now defunct and the buildings on the property are deteriorating and an eyesore. Should they lose their funding or patrons support the same could easily happen here.

We plan to oppose the approval of this special exception.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kindest regards,

**Renee and Jodi Holcomb**

4218 Batten Road | Brooksville, FL 34602-8120

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**From:** [Renee Holcomb](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition from 27 Neighbors for File SE-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 8:37:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [File SE-22-08 Opposition.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please the attached email consisting of a compilation of 26 letters of opposition to the special exception use request for File SE-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007.

Thank you,  
Renee

**Renee Holcomb**

4218 Batten Road | Brooksville, FL 34602-8120

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**Opposition emails** Re: File #SE-22-08

Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

Planning and Zoning Commission 7/11/22

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Address</b>                        |
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| 2 Darlene Lollie                       | 68 Culbreath Rd                       |
| 3 Sharon and David Hershey             | 22220 Skyview Cir                     |
| 4 Cheryl Sanchez                       | 23067 Spear Point Ln.                 |
| 5 John Pinta                           | 3450 Saturn Rd.                       |
| 6 Kristen and Tory Schram              | 22403 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 7 Anthony Fodera and Dianna Wilson     | 23070 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 8 G. W. Loftin                         | 4179 Burns Rd.                        |
| 9 Lind and Robert Pink                 | 22630 Skyview Cir                     |
| 10 Steven Bell                         | 23150 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 11 Sonja and Rico Palomino             | 23003 Skyview Cir                     |
| 12 Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson          | 22605 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 13 Lori Kamensky                       | 3544 Goldsmith Rd.                    |
| 14 Ron and Susan Rehurek               | 3209 Batten Rd.                       |
| 15 Bernice Denis                       | 22574 Chenoak Rd.                     |
| 16 Mark & Rita Faltus                  | 4168 Batten Rd                        |
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| 18 Cody and Allison Davis-Lollie       | 74 Culbreath Rd, Brooksville, FL 3460 |
| 19 Reginald and Marianne Vadasz        | 2305 Batten Rd.                       |
| 20 Tonya Svoboda                       | 2959 Saturn Rd,                       |
| 21 Nicole D'Arrigo                     | 11460 Star Rd                         |
| 22 Renee & Jodi Holcomb                | 4218 Batten Rd                        |
| 23 Diane & Tom Secord                  | 23149 Skyview Cir                     |
| 24 Janeen & George Gorman              | 22959 Skyview Cir,                    |
| 25 Robert Laura Odum                   | 22823 Skyview Cir.                    |
| 26 Linda Ghahleh &<br>Edwin Oyakhilome | 22702 skyview Cir                     |
| 27 Krista Vandetti                     | 22733 Skyview Cir                     |



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Fwd: Special Exception Use Permit - File Number SE-22-08 - Parcel Key Number - 1153307,11775007**

1 message

**Mary Morris** <marmorris505@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

Renee,

I added one two any S to your email address. The county kicked my email back saying it was rejected because of potential spam.

Mark Morris

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mary Morris** <marmorris505@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 11:27 AM

Subject: Special Exception Use Permit - File Number SE-22-08 - Parcel Key Number - 1153307,11775007

To: &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, &lt;odepablo@hernandocounty.us&gt;, &lt;mimiller@hernandocounty.us&gt;

Hernando County Planning Department,

I am writing this in absolute opposition to the Special Exception Use Permit for File Number SE-22-08, Parcel Key Number:1153307, 11775007 you are considering at the July 11, 2022 hearing. The reasons for my opposition are as follows;

1. Batten Rd is our home, our retreat from the stress and struggles of everyday life. By allowing this to be approved not only will that be diminished greatly, but our property values will be affected, which will also decrease the amount of property taxes that are taken.
2. Since everyone on Batten Rd and the surrounding areas receive their water from wells, how is this going to affect our water quality?
3. What will the sanitation/septic impacts be on our water supply?
4. What will the light pollution levels be?
5. Batten Rd is a small residential road and the traffic is already an issue for the residents all year long with the cut through traffic and cyclists as Batten Rd is not designed for this use and nor should it be.
6. This will undoubtedly increase crime in the area.
7. I have researched Tres Diaz, with the limited amount of time you have allowed since this notice was only just published, and what I have found is disturbing. Several reputable pastors have major concerns over this group, or cult as some have referred to them as. This is not an organization we want in our neighborhood, or yours for that matter. Let them build in a commercial area that is not surrounded by residential homes and families.
8. Who will be staying in these dormitories? Will they have background checks?
9. How can we be sure the "Tres Diaz" doesn't turn from a 3 day retreat to a permanent one?

This is just a fraction of my concerns, but again, I am in absolute opposition to the approval of this permit being issued.

I strongly ask that you deny this application.

Mark Morris  
3130 Batten Road  
Brooksville, Florida 34602



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Re: NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road** File # SE 22-08

1 message

Parcel 115 3307, 11775007

Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:50 AM

To: "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>, Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Darlene Lollie  
68 Culbreath Road  
Brooksville FL 34602

Darlene Lollie :o)  
ALWAYS MAKE THE BEST OF EVERY BAD SITUATION!!!  
Hakuna Matata (No Worries for the rest of your days)

On Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:06:54 AM EDT, Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com> wrote:

Hi,

Would you mind adding your name and address and the following info and resending? It will help with our petition.

This email is in relation to Parcel Keys: 1153307 11775007 and file #Se-22-08.

Thanks so much!

Renee

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**From:** Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>; mlmiller@hernandocounty.us <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>; odepablo@hernandocounty.us <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>  
**Subject:** NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road

This is a quiet residential community in the country, not a college town. We do not want anyone changing the zoning for this area. I am saying NO to this "religious organization" and their dormitory housing.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road**

1 message

*File: SE-22-08  
Parcel key: 115 3307, 11775007*

**Darlene Lollie** <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM

Reply-To: Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>, "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>

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Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

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**Se22p08 parcel 1153307 11775007**

1 message

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**shershey@juno.com** <shershey@juno.com>  
To: Rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 10:35 AM

We strongly oppose a special exception use permit for Tampa bay Tres Dias!!!!

Sharon and David Hershey  
22220 skyview circle  
Brooksville Florida  
34602



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Proposed religious retreat on Batten Rd**

1 message

*File # SE-22-08  
Parcel key: 1153307, 11775007***Cheryl Sanchez** <cher1@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:56 AM

I would like to voice my opposition to the rezoning of the property on Batten Rd just North of Skyview Ln in Brooksville. Simply from a logistical and infrastructural viewpoint, I believe that the extra traffic to this area would have a negative impact. Batten Rd is a quiet, country road whose residents enjoy a quiet lifestyle, many of them farming their land or raising livestock. It is also a designated bike area so on the weekend we can have hundreds of cyclists traveling on the road, both north and south. I believe the extra traffic incurred by this type of facility would negatively change the quiet nature we have all come to love and create the potential for more traffic incidents.

Thank you  
Cheryl Sanchez  
23067 Spear Point Ln  
Brooksville, FL 34602



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Dorms**

1 message

File SE-22-08

Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

John Pinta <jap6901@icloud.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:33 AM

To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

I object to this rezoning and have safety concerns as we all know Powell Rd is a death trap and extra traffic in the area is unfair to the tax payers in the area. The roads in the area are currently above the traffic load they were designed to accommodate and the area they want to rezone is residential homes, not an area for dorms, no stores or shopping in the area. Move it to a more business area.

John Pinta  
3450 Saturn Rd  
Brooksville Fl. 34604





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**File Number SE-22-08 Special Exception Use Permit**

1 message

**Kristen Schram** <kschram74@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 7:35 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Bcc: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Parcel Key Numbers 1153307, 11775007

Mr. DePablo,

I would like to express my opposition to this special use permit for a retreat gathering. I have lived on Skyview Circle for almost 19 years and upon investigating numerous lots in this area, there are no businesses out here. It is country living on acreage and homes.

My first problem is that there was no sign posted letting anyone know of this request. In addition, there is no mention as to how many people will be at this facility during these retreats. What is the maximum use capacity? Also, as this is a business, the facility is not going to sit unused and only be used several times a year. Who will they be renting this facility out to? What other events are they planning there?

Batten Road is already a very busy road with little room for wide vehicles and bicyclists as the road is very narrow with no shoulders, bike lanes or pedestrian paths. The bicyclists do not follow the rules of the road and take up entire lanes. This is not the place for a business. If this is allowed it will only attract more of the same. I really hope this will not move forward.

Respectfully,

Tory & Kristen Schram

[22403 Skyview Circle](#)

[Brooksville, FL 34602](#)



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition - Tampa Bay Tres Dian Monday 11 July 9am - Planning & Zoning Commission**

1 message

**Dianna Wilson** <vanda7991@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 6:48 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Cc: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

To: Omar DePablo & Michelle Miller  
CC: Renee Holcomb (neighbor)

From: Anthony L Fodera & Dianna L Wilson  
[23070 Skyview Cir](#)  
Brooksville, FL 34602

File# SE-22-08  
Parcel#1153307, 11775007

We are unable to attend this meeting that we were unaware of. We, the occupants of [23070 Skyview Circle](#), formally oppose the Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly for the above parcels.

Batten Road is a very popular route for bicycle club rides. The road is narrow, and not a standard width road. The hills make it difficult to pass when there are rides going on, and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians. These are pre-existing safety issues for bicyclists and pedestrians, prior to considering any additional traffic. In addition, there has already been several accidents at the corner of Batten Road & Powell Road, some resulting in death. This intersection has no traffic light to assist turning onto Powell Road.

In addition, there are (to the best of my knowledge) no operating businesses or apartments along Batten Rd. It is a quiet agricultural and residential community, comprised primarily of farm land and single family dwellings. Without further knowledge about the frequency of use of the proposed structures, we are left with lingering concerns about traffic and noise that might threaten the peace and serenity of the area so many of us moved to for that purpose.



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Fwd: Tres Dias**

1 message

File SE-22-08

**G.W. Loftin** [redacted]  
To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 12:16 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "G.W. Loftin" [redacted]  
**Date:** July 9, 2022 at 12:14:11 PM EDT  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewpainting.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewpainting.com)  
**Subject:** Tres Dias

We oppose the special exception zoning for parcel keys 1153307, 1175007.

We want retain the peace and quiet of our current neighborhood.

Thanks,

G. W. Loftin  
[4179 Burns Rd](#)  
[Brooksville FL 34602](#)

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Public hearing**

1 message

FILE SE-22-08  
Parcel key 1153307, 1177 5007

LINDA PINK <sandlpink@aol.com> \*  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 10:15 AM

We are not able to attend the public hearing on Monday July 11 but would like to voice our opposition to a special use permit for a place of public assembly for Tres Dias. Mr and Mrs Robert Pink, 22630 Skyview Circle, Brooksville, FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Do not allow Tres Dias to build on Batten Road**

1 message

File # SE-22-08

Parcel key 1153307, 11775007

Steven Bell &lt;sbell28@fau.edu&gt;

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 2:06 AM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us, odepablo@hernandocounty.us

To whole it may concern,

As a resident and owner of property on Skyview Circle, I implore you to reject the special zoning for the building of the Tres Dias compound on Batten Road. There has not been a substantial inspection of the impact that the increased traffic will have on the residents, the entity already has a location in the Brooksville area that they can use, and the multiple building compound would undeniably change the rural charisma of the residential area.

Allowing this entity to build multiple structures without an impact study on the current residents of the area is irresponsible and potentially dangerous to the residence of Batten road that already have to deal with an ever increasing number of vehicles on a road that is not intended for a large volume of traffic. The weekend use of the road by exotic car clubs, motorcycle riders, and bicyclists already place a stress on residents. There needs to be a study to see how the approval of such a large number of buildings (presumably to house a large number of people at one time) will increase the traffic in the area. The website for the entity does not state how many people attend their gatherings on average, so local residents can't even know what to anticipate although their website states that it is an ever growing number of people who participate, which indicates that there would be an inevitable increase in the number of vehicles on Batten Road. With an already deadly intersection at the end of Batten Road, there is no need to purposefully increase the traffic in the area. There are alternative areas that would better serve the needs of Tres Dias by currently having the infrastructure to accommodate the large number of people attending the events.

According to the Tres Dias website for the Tampa Bay area there are already locations in Brooksville that the non-affiliated church currently works out of and has buildings at that they could choose to

build on, instead of contributing to the urban sprawl that plagues Florida (<https://tbtd.org/about-tampa-bay/>). There is no need to build multiple buildings and a parking lot on Batten Road when they have the option for either using the properties they already own, or building their compound within areas zoned for such buildings. Alternatively, there are areas of Brooksville that are already home to heavy use of concrete and multiple large structures that Tres Dias could easily contribute to the growth of the town and help improve the look of some areas that have not seen the attention it deserves in recent years.

Allowing the zoning exception would have a drastic and negative impact on the rural views that attract visitors to the area to begin with. Bicyclists and Sunday drivers alike come to the Batten Road area to enjoy the rural views and heavily forested lands that are occupied by local residents. A compound with multiple structures and a parking lot would ruin the rural appearance of Batten Road. The last thing that is needed to keep the charm of the area is multiple buildings that contrast so heavily with the residential area.

The fact that an entity has to directly address the question of being a cult 2 different times in their “FAQ” section aside (<http://www.tresdias.org/tres-dias-faq/>), permitting the building of multiple structures and a parking lot would drastically change the current residential area all without knowing exactly how the current residents of the area would be negatively impacted, seeing as making this exception does not benefit anyone that lives on Batten Road.

Sincerely, and deeply concerned,  
Steven Bell

23150 Skyview Circle





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Re: Urgent: Batten Rd Special Exception Zoning meeting Monday**

1 message

File SE-22-08 Parcel key: 1153307, 11775007

**livewell@injoyconsulting.com** <livewell@injoyconsulting.com>

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 8:57 PM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Hi Renee,

Can you let them know we are in opposition to their proposal for the same reasons you are mentioning?

Live your possible,

Sonja Palomino

[injoyconsulting.com](mailto:livewell@injoyconsulting.com)

888-474-6569

23039 SkyView Cir  
Brooksville, FL 34602


**From:** Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 2:31 PM

**To:** [livewell@injoyconsulting.com](mailto:livewell@injoyconsulting.com) <livewell@injoyconsulting.com>

**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent: Batten Rd Special Exception Zoning meeting Monday

Hi Sonja,

I hope you are doing well!

We received a notice of a Public Hearing since we are within 500' of the property and would like other residents of Batten Road to be aware of this as it could impact you.

There is a Public Hearing on Monday 11 July, 2022 at 9 am for the Planning and Zoning Commission to permit a Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly, Religious establishment with a spiritual retreat center and I'm trying to get the word out to our Batten Road neighbors. Lee Webb is the applicant and the "religious organization" is Tres Dias - you can find more information about them at their website - <https://www.tresdias.org/>.

To make it easy for you to navigate I have gathered all the information here for you and links to where I obtained the information. I have included 5 attachments with the information for the Tres Dias special exception request.

1. Notice of Public Hearing
2. Map of property under discussion
3. The staff report (they plan to recommend this exception).
4. Per the application - 5 buildings with dormitories and parking are planned.
5. Special Use Regulations

Link is to the Hernando County government website which provides the Planning and Zoning Commission Agendas and the attachment 2- 5 above. <https://hernadocountyfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5717938&GUID=C43B408B-0ABC-4775-864A-FE3BF07ED1B4&Options=&Search=>

I have posed several questions to the Planning and Zoning committee but have had no response (i.e., how many can attend, maximum use occupancy, frequency of meetings, etc.) and noted my concerns related to traffic. We feel traffic is



bad enough on this road during fall, winter, spring months (Batten's too narrow, doesn't account for bicycle or pedestrian traffic on this hilly, narrow road). Please let me know if you have additional questions I should add.

We plan to oppose this along with several of our neighbors. We oppose this for several reasons but feel that most would be concerned about our quiet neighborhood, traffic, water quality, light pollution, and how this will affect our property values. If you cannot attend and would like your opposition noted, ***please reply to this email with a statement of your opposition to the special exception permit with your name and address*** and I will print them to take with me. Also, feel free to send comments to Omar DePablo at [odepablo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:odepablo@hernandocounty.us) and Michelle Miller at [mlmiller@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mlmiller@hernandocounty.us).

Please feel free to forward this to our neighbors and to let me know what you think.

Thanks for taking a moment to look at this.

Kindest regards,

Renee

**Renee Holcomb**

Managing Member | Administrative and Financial Manager

**Almost New** Painting, LLC

4218 Batten Road | Brooksville, FL 34602-8120

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Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Tres Dias proposal FILE NUMBER SE-22-08 PARCEL KEY NUMBER 1153307, 11775007**

1 message

**Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson** <lsully78@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:22 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" &lt;odepablo@hernandocounty.us&gt;, "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" &lt;mlmiller@hernandocounty.us&gt;

Cc: lorraine sullivan-thompson &lt;lsully78@yahoo.com&gt;, Ken Thompson &lt;cyberkeeper@yahoo.com&gt;

Hello. My name is Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson. I am a nurse practitioner who lives in Brooksville FL I live off of Powell Road and Batten Rd in a custom housing development of residential homes.

i reviewed Tres Dias websites, major info on the internet, and limited info from the Hernando county public hearing board.

I read about the low number of retreats , May have been due to not having a functional site. I would like to invite them to look closer to where they have populated areas of their religious establishments. And not here in Florida.

I have researched the tres dias concept and do not feel it is a good fit for our local community. We have a small one lane each way street and have enough roadway traffic and wildlife roaming. We have many bicyclists and joggers and walkers and do not need more automotive traffic.

I downloaded on the website find the locations. i tried to see where the florida location is on the map on the website and could only find "tampa bay" wording listed. no address and no location on the map. Also someone by name of Jeff listed but no contact info.

Almost feels like they are looking for a place to vacation while doing the three day seminar.

We are aware with religion affiliation, they will get benefits of tax exemption. This will hurt hernando county taxpayers and collections. we are a small county.

We wish you well in your finding a treat, but hope it is not in Hernando county.

Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson and Ken Thompson

[22605 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602](https://www.google.com/maps/place/22605+Skyview+Circle+Brooksville+FL+34602)

727 494 5189      727 946 1828



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**P&Z Agenda Item File 10703 SE-22-08**

1 message

*Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007***Lori Kamensky** <lori@acsiinc.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:32 PM

Planning &amp; Zoning Commission:

While I do not live on Batten Road I live to the east of it on Goldsmith

We do not need another Religious Establishment with retreat center in this area.

The traffic is already more than the roads can hold. Powell Road which is the direct cross road for Batten Road has bicyclists heavy on the weekends. This road

Is very hilly with many turns and curves is a two lane road in need of improvements. In the last 2 years there have been 2 very bad accidents at the corner of Powell and Goldsmith with vehicles flipped over

Because people do not adhere to traffic laws and speed limits we do not need more traffic and people who do not know the road, you are only asking for more accidents and possible fatality.

I strongly advise against approval for the special exception.

Lori Kamensky

[3544 Goldsmith Road](#)[Brooksville Florida 34602](#)

352-442-1918



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Fw: File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007**

1 message

**Ron Rehurek** <rwr41@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:39 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**From:** Ron Rehurek <rwr41@yahoo.com>**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 03:17:00 PM EDT**Subject:** Fw: File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007

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**From:** Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>**To:** "rwr41@yahoo.com" <rwr41@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 01:35:59 PM EDT**Subject:** File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007

Add your message

Name

Address

Susan Batten Rehurek [3209 Batten Rd](#) [Brooksville Fl](#) 34602

I am unable to attend this Zoning Commission to permit a Special Exception Use Permit for a Place o Public Assembly. I am not in favor of this permit.

I grew up here and like the peace and comfort of the woods. This is a farming area and not big enough for a 1,000 people every month to gather here.

plus the added water and sewage use of this facility and not to mention the extra traffic to this area. There is a lot of farm animals here and the building

of these buildings will change our tax codes and our way of life in the country. PLEASE DONOT GRANT THIS PERMIT

Susan Batten Rehurek

[3209 Batten Road](#)[Brooksville, Fl. 34602](#)





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Batten road proposal**

1 message

File # SE-22-08 Parcel by 1153307, 11775007

**Bernice Denis** <budsmom101@hotmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 4:01 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Hi there. I would appreciate it if you could speak for our family at the meeting tomorrow. We live on Chenoak road and our concerns would be the water run off or displacement from development. We already get flooded in several times a year and more recently it has been because of the development in that area. Water runs downhill and we are below Batten road.

The next major concern is the amount of traffic already on Culbreath / Powell/ Ayers and Hayman. The number of accidents has gone through the roof with ALL the development of the county. Too much traffic/ heavy commuter use for these small county lanes. Winding roads and speeders don't mix. At least once a week there is some sort of accident at that intersection. It is very dangerous and getting worse.

When is it going to stop with the overdevelopment of this area? We moved to this area for the rural lifestyle and now it feels like we are in on a racetrack with all the traffic.

I am really tired of all these " Special Exceptions" for everybody. Why are they called special exceptions when it is common use for everyone and their brother?

Enough is enough for this area.

Thank you

The Denis Family  
22574 Chenoak road  
Brooksville 34602

## STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION

July 11, 2022

REGARDING: FILE # SE-22-08

PARCEL KEY NUMBER: 1153307, 11775007

We are sending this letter in response to a notice of public hearing for the above file number and parcel key.

We have lived on Batten road for 30 plus years and the thought of some type of religious retreat with dormitories going in across from our property is very disheartening. We have always enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere of this area that is why we moved here in the first place. Since the road was paved we are already dealing with others from different areas using Batten road as an access road to town at times exceeding the speed limit.

My husband and I are very concerned about more traffic coming in and also noise issues.

Along with various other neighbors on this road, we plan to oppose this approval of this special exception.

Mark & Rita Faltus  
4168 Batten Rd  
Brooksville , Fla. 34602



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Statement of Opposition**

1 message

File: SE-22-08

Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

**Dani Abbadusky** <daniabba03@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 6:05 PM

To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Hi Renee,

My name is Dani Sauerwein. My husband and I and our three little girls live down Deerfly Road. Ms. Kanitz let us know of the special exemption case happening down the road. Below is a statement of opposition from my family. I am unable to attend the hearing as I am home with my girls over the summer (I am teacher) and they are all under the age of 6. I hope that the board truly listens and takes into consideration our thoughts and feelings.

To Whom It May Concern,

I would ask that this special exemption not be approved. My family and I moved out to Brooksville to get away from the traffic and the hustle and bustle of just the business that is taking over Florida. We wanted to raise our girls outdoors, wanted to have them surrounded by like minded people who work hard and value agriculture. Less than a year ago, another special exemption was approved- one of which that was within 500 feet of my home. This was devastating and so disappointing for us. Now, another special exemption is being requested just down the road from where we live. Please do not, within a year, approve for another building/activity center to be built on agricultural land. Please help us preserve the beauty of Brooksville that is agriculture. Please help us keep traffic at a minimum and the area safe for my children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Dani Sauerwein and the Sauerwein Family

23025 Deerfly Road  
Brooksville FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road**

1 message

**Allison Davis-Lollie Performance Horses & Mustangs** <davisallison92@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:16 PM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us, odepablo@hernandocounty.us

This is a quiet residential community in the country, not a college town. We do not want anyone changing the zoning for this area. I am saying NO to this "religious organization" and their dormitory housing.

On top of that vehicle traffic has already greatly increased since the Ayers Road extention. This has caused an increase in accidents at the Culbreath Road, Ayers Road, and Hayman Road intersection. Allowing this will cause nothing, but more issue in our rural community!

Batten Road sustains a lot of pedestrian foot traffic and bicycle traffic weekdays and weekends. This area of hernando county needs to remain as is to ensure safety of our friends and loved ones!

Cody and Allison Davis-Lollie  
[74 Culbreath Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602](#)



July 9, 2022

Reginald and Marianne Vadasz  
2305 Batten Rd.  
Brooksville FL 34602  
813-690-1941  
Parcel Key: 00384015 and 01641316

Attn: Hernando County Planning Department

RE: File # SE-22-08 Applicant: Tampa Bay Tres Dias, Special Exception Use Permit

Dear Mr. DePablo and Ms. Miller,

We have recently been advised that a property near us on Batten Rd. is being considered for a Special Exception Use Permit. Respectfully, please be advised that we adamantly oppose such an Exception for several reasons.

We are a quiet, rural neighborhood with little traffic and lots of beautiful wildlife. And that is exactly why we purchased our home on 16 acres and moved here over 15 years ago. We loved our property and our neighborhood so much that we purchased an additional 20 acres so that we could continue to enjoy our rural life and also be a haven to the wildlife that surrounds us. We will not be able to do that if the County gives "Special Exception" for a place of Public Assembly of ANY kind. This is NOT an area where a commercial type of business (church or any other public business) should be allowed to operate. ***We are an agricultural area and we should be able to stay that way, no exceptions!***

Our neighborhood cannot handle the traffic that an exception like this will bring. Batten Road is not wide enough for public traffic, nor do we want it widened!

We currently enjoy fresh, clean water. That **will NOT** be the case if public assembly groups are given Special Exceptions to build on these properties.

We have invested a ton of money, as well as blood, sweat and tears into our homestead. Allowing special exceptions for public groups will certainly have a **negative effect** on our property values. We need to keep our neighborhood AS IS, and not allow zoning exceptions.

Thank you,  
Reginald and Marianne Vadasz



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition to SE-22-08**

1 message

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**T Svobo** <tonyasvoboda2@gmail.com>  
To: Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:22 PM

Name: Tonya Svoboda  
Address: [2959 Saturn Road](#)  
[Brooksville Fl](#)  
[34604](#)

Good evening,

I would like to submit a formal opposition to SE-22-08, Tampa Bay Tres Dias:Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly.

Tres Dias is planning to build dormitories likely for people to attend Renewal Retreats, which will result in potentially hundreds of transient attendees per year in an area that is currently a rural area of homeowners who built or bought there specifically because they want to enjoy living in a rural area. Having this place of public assembly will result in more traffic and noise and will diminish the enjoyment of the people living there. Since people must pay to attend the retreat, this could even be considered commercial activity. Other construction, buildings and infrastructure will be required to support the attendees, such as food preparation and sanitation support. It is my opinion that this proposed area is not appropriate to build a place for those types of activities, and that it should instead be built in an area that is not agricultural and already has the infrastructure in place to support it. I ask the board to deny this request for special exception use for a place of public assembly.

Respectfully,  
Tonya Svoboda



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**NO DORMATORIES ON BATTEN**

1 message

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**Nicole D** <infernoorangelt@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:26 PM

Good evening.

For whatever reason I have struggled multiple times to email. My message being considered spam. So. Trying again.

Concerned citizen here.

The last thing this town needs is MORE DEVELOPMENT let alone a potential cult organization of all things. What religious group needs dormatories? Its not a school. Its not a barracks. Why here? How many people and what type of people are they looking to house here? Not to mention changing the zoning will not just effect people's homes let alone traffic but the local ag businesses. There are multiple hay farms, horse and livestock farms in that area.

I do not live on batten but I have FAMILY AND FRIENDS that do. So I frequently visit this area. Traffic has already significantly increased causing near weekly accidents at Ayers and Culbreath.

The fact the community has been given 0 notice to attend the meeting just shows the intent here. This is a disgusting use of local property. Disgusting treatment of the families and businesses already in existence in that area. To change zoning for something so foolish blows my mind. I love this town. Love this community and the last thing I want to see is it further destroyed for the sake of the oh mighty dollar and opening the door to lord knows what here.

Signed  
Nicole D'Arrigo  
[11460 Star Rd Brooksville fl](#)



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Proposed Tres Dias Establishment/Retreat located on the west side of Batten Road, Hernando County, Florida**

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Dianne Thomas-Secord &lt;dsecord812@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:34 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Good Evening,

As a resident of the Spring Lake Forest community, I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed site of the above listed. My home is on the north side of Skyview Circle, and the site at issue, is virtually in my backyard.

Please understand that I am not opposed to the religious establishment, per se, but to the additional traffic this retreat would bring to our area. Ever since the paving of Batten Road, it has become a thoroughfare for anyone wanting to travel from Hayman to Powell, or vice versa, most of whom do not even adhere to the posted speed limit. In addition, our community has become a hub for both bicyclists & motorcyclists, adding to the congestion we are already experiencing. I, like my neighbors, am opposed to adding to that congestion.

We are only a small country road. Please consider our community's opposition and disallow the establishment of this retreat at its present proposed site.

Thank you.

Dianne Thomas-Secord  
23149 Skyview Circle, Brooksville, FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - DATED JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM**

1 message

**Janeen Gorman** <siemon196838@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:23 PM

To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com, odepablo@hernandocounty.us, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Janeen Gorman and I reside at 22959 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. The reason for my email is to express my disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. We are tax payers and the reason for moving into Hernando County is for the peace and tranquility as well as quality of life for my family. I am concerned that allowing a religious organization that is tax exempt to build 5 dormitories on Batten Road will significantly affect our neighborhood in a negative way.

Batten Road is a narrow and hilly road that cannot handle the current flow of traffic let alone allow an organization that is charging for 3-day retreat to invade our community thereby increasing traffic flow as well as bringing transit people in our surrounding neighborhood. We as current tax payers expect our county protect and provide safety for it's tax paying residents and with the county giving us last minute notice of this proposal is irresponsible as it does not give it's residents enough time to plan and make arrangements to come together to express our concerns. I hope this proposal doesn't go through as the county will be responsible for any events of trespassing and or infringements of our rights to live in Hernando County. I hope the county takes responsibility and make the right decision for it's residents and protect and provide the tax payers the well needed safety and tranquility that we already enjoy living the Brooksville.

Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for it's residents.

Sincerely,

Janeen &amp; George Gorman

22959 Skyview Circle

Brooksville FL 34602

## Zoning meeting questions

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**From:** Robert Odom robertofskyview@yahoo.com

**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com , odepablo@hernandocouty.us ,  
mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

**Date:** Sun, Jul 10, 2022, 10:58 PM

My wife and I got your mail about the upcoming zoning meeting. Due to the late delivery of the mail, we will be unable to attend the meeting.

We do have reservations to the zoning request. Number one, it was NEVER posted publicly with a sign at the property. Why is that? Why so secretive. Next, it sounds like they want to put "dorms", and from reviewing online, I've seen mentions of possibly 42 people at these "retreats". That means you would have to have facilities large enough to support this number of people. This means, parking, lighting, power, water, septic. Not to mention I believe the creek that comes into this neighborhood is fed from somewhere near or on that property.

Why has the county kept this so quiet about the use, the number of people who would be on the site etc. We already have enough traffic issues on Batten, Hayman and Powell from bicyclists the county has allowed to come in and run amok. Adding something like this to Batten would simply worsen the problem, and then there's the noise. What sort of noise is expected from this type of site? We've all moved out to this area for the quiet wooded country to listen and see the wildlife and the trees. Skyview Circle is much noisier now than it was 20+ years ago when we moved here, because the county has allowed to large pieces of land on Powell Rd to be clear cut of all the trees, allowing all the road noise of Powell Rd to be heard so clear. Imagine whatever noise that will be coming from this group will be like, and they will be much closer.

My wife and I want the property in this area to stay single family homes, as it was originally, intended, so that it can be enjoyed as it should. We have churches nearby already, I don't see the need for adding more religious activities nearby.

Robert and Laura Odom  
22823 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville, FL 34602

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## PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - FOR JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM

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**From:** Alwezl8 Apprec18 alwezl8@gmail.com

**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com , mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

**Date:** Sun, Jul 10, 2022, 10:26 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am resident at 22702 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. I am shocked to receive a last minute notice from the county regarding the proposed zoning hearing on Batten Road for a religious organization to build 5 dormitories on Batten road. This is extremely incompetent of the county to give it's residents such a short notice making it difficult for residents to make time to properly represent the neighborhood against this proposal. It sounds like this is the county's intent to pass this proposal without the residents approval. I am sure that the religious organization filled the permit a while back but I find it strange that the county withheld this request until last minute to notify the tax paying residents and hope that this is not an attempt to circumvent the process and just approve the request.

The reason for this email is to express our disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. As taxpayers, we do not see any benefits of having an organization set up a retreat and jeopardize the true nature of living in Brooksville by bringing in people from all over to congest our quiet neighborhood. I believe that will also affect our property value and take away from the neighborhood the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. Why should an organization that does not pay taxes be allowed to just invade our community? Can the county explain to the taxpayers why they are entertaining such requests? A short research on the proposed organization gives us mixed feelings and we do not think this is the right organization for our private neighborhood. I urge the county to do proper due diligence before even considering allowing such organization in our neighborhood.

The county and our political representatives' duties are to provide a safe and tranquil environment to its residents as well as provide adequate infrastructure to its residents. We do not have high speed internet and have yet to see any movement on the rural infrastructure funds that is allocated to the state of Florida and the county, but yet you chose to entertain a non tax paying entity to build a 5 dormitory in our neighborhood. I can assure you that even with the short notice, our neighborhood stand together against this proposal and we urge the county to disapprove this request



Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for its residents.

Sincerely,

Linda Ghalieh & Edwin Oyakhilome

22702 Skyview Circle

Brooksville FL 34602

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Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition to dormitories on batten**

1 message

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**Krista Vandetti** <kristam1624@yahoo.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:47 AM

Good Morning,

My name is Krista Vandetti. My Husband and I live on 22733 SkyView Cir and we oppose dormitories moving into our quite community. If you ask anyone in this area most people moved out here and the property in this area is highly sought out for the peace and solidarity. Please consider a different location as we have moved here for more property, less people and the ability to enjoy land in our beautiful state uninterrupted from traffic and light pollution.

Thank you for considering our request,  
Nick and Krista Vandetti

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Renee Holcomb](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition from 27 Neighbors for File SE-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 8:37:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [File SE-22-08 Opposition.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please the attached email consisting of a compilation of 26 letters of opposition to the special exception use request for File SE-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007.

Thank you,  
Renee

**Renee Holcomb**

4218 Batten Road | Brooksville, FL 34602-8120

[rholcomb@almostnewservices.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewservices.com)

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**Opposition emails** Re: File #SE-22-08

Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

Planning and Zoning Commission 7/11/22

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Address</b>                        |
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| 1 Mark Morris                          | 3130 Batten Rd                        |
| 2 Darlene Lollie                       | 68 Culbreath Rd                       |
| 3 Sharon and David Hershey             | 22220 Skyview Cir                     |
| 4 Cheryl Sanchez                       | 23067 Spear Point Ln.                 |
| 5 John Pinta                           | 3450 Saturn Rd.                       |
| 6 Kristen and Tory Schram              | 22403 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 7 Anthony Fodera and Dianna Wilson     | 23070 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 8 G. W. Loftin                         | 4179 Burns Rd.                        |
| 9 Lind and Robert Pink                 | 22630 Skyview Cir                     |
| 10 Steven Bell                         | 23150 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 11 Sonja and Rico Palomino             | 23003 Skyview Cir                     |
| 12 Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson          | 22605 Skyveiw Cir                     |
| 13 Lori Kamensky                       | 3544 Goldsmith Rd.                    |
| 14 Ron and Susan Rehurek               | 3209 Batten Rd.                       |
| 15 Bernice Denis                       | 22574 Chenoak Rd.                     |
| 16 Mark & Rita Faltus                  | 4168 Batten Rd                        |
| 17 Dani Abbbadusky                     | 23025 Deerfly Rd                      |
| 18 Cody and Allison Davis-Lollie       | 74 Culbreath Rd, Brooksville, FL 3460 |
| 19 Reginald and Marianne Vadasz        | 2305 Batten Rd.                       |
| 20 Tonya Svoboda                       | 2959 Saturn Rd,                       |
| 21 Nicole D'Arrigo                     | 11460 Star Rd                         |
| 22 Renee & Jodi Holcomb                | 4218 Batten Rd                        |
| 23 Diane & Tom Secord                  | 23149 Skyview Cir                     |
| 24 Janeen & George Gorman              | 22959 Skyview Cir,                    |
| 25 Robert Laura Odum                   | 22823 Skyview Cir.                    |
| 26 Linda Ghahleh &<br>Edwin Oyakhilome | 22702 skyview Cir                     |
| 27 Krista Vandetti                     | 22733 Skyview Cir                     |



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Fwd: Special Exception Use Permit - File Number SE-22-08 - Parcel Key Number - 1153307,11775007**

1 message

**Mary Morris** <marmorris505@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

Renee,

I added one two any S to your email address. The county kicked my email back saying it was rejected because of potential spam.

Mark Morris

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From: **Mary Morris** <marmorris505@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 11:27 AM

Subject: Special Exception Use Permit - File Number SE-22-08 - Parcel Key Number - 1153307,11775007

To: &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, &lt;odepablo@hernandocounty.us&gt;, &lt;mimiller@hernandocounty.us&gt;

Hernando County Planning Department,

I am writing this in absolute opposition to the Special Exception Use Permit for File Number SE-22-08, Parcel Key Number:1153307, 11775007 you are considering at the July 11, 2022 hearing. The reasons for my opposition are as follows;

1. Batten Rd is our home, our retreat from the stress and struggles of everyday life. By allowing this to be approved not only will that be diminished greatly, but our property values will be affected, which will also decrease the amount of property taxes that are taken.
2. Since everyone on Batten Rd and the surrounding areas receive their water from wells, how is this going to affect our water quality?
3. What will the sanitation/septic impacts be on our water supply?
4. What will the light pollution levels be?
5. Batten Rd is a small residential road and the traffic is already an issue for the residents all year long with the cut through traffic and cyclists as Batten Rd is not designed for this use and nor should it be.
6. This will undoubtedly increase crime in the area.
7. I have researched Tres Diaz, with the limited amount of time you have allowed since this notice was only just published, and what I have found is disturbing. Several reputable pastors have major concerns over this group, or cult as some have referred to them as. This is not an organization we want in our neighborhood, or yours for that matter. Let them build in a commercial area that is not surrounded by residential homes and families.
8. Who will be staying in these dormitories? Will they have background checks?
9. How can we be sure the "Tres Diaz" doesn't turn from a 3 day retreat to a permanent one?

This is just a fraction of my concerns, but again, I am in absolute opposition to the approval of this permit being issued.

I strongly ask that you deny this application.

Mark Morris  
3130 Batten Road  
Brooksville, Florida 34602



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Re: NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road** File # SE 22-08

1 message

Parcel 115 3307, 11775007

Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:50 AM

To: "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>, Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Darlene Lollie  
68 Culbreath Road  
Brooksville FL 34602

Darlene Lollie :o)  
ALWAYS MAKE THE BEST OF EVERY BAD SITUATION!!!  
Hakuna Matata (No Worries for the rest of your days)

On Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:06:54 AM EDT, Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com> wrote:

Hi,

Would you mind adding your name and address and the following info and resending? It will help with our petition.

This email is in relation to Parcel Keys: 1153307 11775007 and file #Se-22-08.

Thanks so much!

Renee

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**From:** Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>; mlmiller@hernandocounty.us <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>; odepablo@hernandocounty.us <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>  
**Subject:** NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road

This is a quiet residential community in the country, not a college town. We do not want anyone changing the zoning for this area. I am saying NO to this "religious organization" and their dormitory housing.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android





Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road**

1 message

*File: SE-22-08  
Parcel key: 115 3307, 11775007*

**Darlene Lollie** <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM

Reply-To: Darlene Lollie <ccairboa@bellsouth.net>

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>, "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" <mlmiller@hernandocounty.us>, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" <odepablo@hernandocounty.us>

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Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

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**Se22p08 parcel 1153307 11775007**

1 message

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**shershey@juno.com** <shershey@juno.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 10:35 AM

To: Rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

We strongly oppose a special exception use permit for Tampa bay Tres Dias!!!!

Sharon and David Hershey  
22220 skyview circle  
Brooksville Florida  
34602





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Proposed religious retreat on Batten Rd**

1 message

*File # SE-22-08  
Parcel key: 1153307, 11775007***Cheryl Sanchez** <cherca1@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:56 AM

I would like to voice my opposition to the rezoning of the property on Batten Rd just North of Skyview Ln in Brooksville. Simply from a logistical and infrastructural viewpoint, I believe that the extra traffic to this area would have a negative impact. Batten Rd is a quiet, country road whose residents enjoy a quiet lifestyle, many of them farming their land or raising livestock. It is also a designated bike area so on the weekend we can have hundreds of cyclists traveling on the road, both north and south. I believe the extra traffic incurred by this type of facility would negatively change the quiet nature we have all come to love and create the potential for more traffic incidents.

Thank you  
Cheryl Sanchez  
23067 Spear Point Ln  
Brooksville, FL 34602



Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Dorms**

1 message

File SE-22-08  
Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

John Pinta <jap6901@icloud.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:33 AM

I object to this rezoning and have safety concerns as we all know Powell Rd is a death trap and extra traffic in the area is unfair to the tax payers in the area. The roads in the area are currently above the traffic load they were designed to accommodate and the area they want to rezone is residential homes, not an area for dorms, no stores or shopping in the area. Move it to a more business area.

John Pinta  
3450 Saturn Rd  
Brooksville Fl. 34604



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**File Number SE-22-08 Special Exception Use Permit**

1 message

**Kristen Schram** <kschram74@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 7:35 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Bcc: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Parcel Key Numbers 1153307, 11775007

Mr. DePablo,

I would like to express my opposition to this special use permit for a retreat gathering. I have lived on Skyview Circle for almost 19 years and upon investigating numerous lots in this area, there are no businesses out here. It is country living on acreage and homes.

My first problem is that there was no sign posted letting anyone know of this request. In addition, there is no mention as to how many people will be at this facility during these retreats. What is the maximum use capacity? Also, as this is a business, the facility is not going to sit unused and only be used several times a year. Who will they be renting this facility out to? What other events are they planning there?

Batten Road is already a very busy road with little room for wide vehicles and bicyclists as the road is very narrow with no shoulders, bike lanes or pedestrian paths. The bicyclists do not follow the rules of the road and take up entire lanes. This is not the place for a business. If this is allowed it will only attract more of the same. I really hope this will not move forward.

Respectfully,

Tory & Kristen Schram

[22403 Skyview Circle](#)

[Brooksville, FL 34602](#)



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition - Tampa Bay Tres Dian Monday 11 July 9am - Planning & Zoning Commission**

1 message

**Dianna Wilson** <vanda7991@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 6:48 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Cc: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

To: Omar DePablo & Michelle Miller  
CC: Renee Holcomb (neighbor)

From: Anthony L Fodera & Dianna L Wilson  
[23070 Skyview Cir](#)  
Brooksville, FL 34602

File# SE-22-08  
Parcel#1153307, 11775007

We are unable to attend this meeting that we were unaware of. We, the occupants of [23070 Skyview Circle](#), formally oppose the Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly for the above parcels.

Batten Road is a very popular route for bicycle club rides. The road is narrow, and not a standard width road. The hills make it difficult to pass when there are rides going on, and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians. These are pre-existing safety issues for bicyclists and pedestrians, prior to considering any additional traffic. In addition, there has already been several accidents at the corner of Batten Road & Powell Road, some resulting in death. This intersection has no traffic light to assist turning onto Powell Road.

In addition, there are (to the best of my knowledge) no operating businesses or apartments along Batten Rd. It is a quiet agricultural and residential community, comprised primarily of farm land and single family dwellings. Without further knowledge about the frequency of use of the proposed structures, we are left with lingering concerns about traffic and noise that might threaten the peace and serenity of the area so many of us moved to for that purpose.





Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Fwd: Tres Dias**

1 message

*File SE-22-08*

**G.W. Loftin** [redacted]  
To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 12:16 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "G.W. Loftin" [redacted]  
**Date:** July 9, 2022 at 12:14:11 PM EDT  
**To:** [rholcomb@almostnewpainting.com](mailto:rholcomb@almostnewpainting.com)  
**Subject:** Tres Dias

We oppose the special exception zoning for parcel keys 1153307, 1175007.

We want retain the peace and quiet of our current neighborhood.

Thanks,

G. W. Loftin  
[4179 Burns Rd](#)  
[Brooksville FL 34602](#)

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Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Public hearing**

1 message

FILE SE-22-08  
Parcel key 1153307, 1177 5007

LINDA PINK <sandlpink@aol.com> \*  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 10:15 AM

We are not able to attend the public hearing on Monday July 11 but would like to voice our opposition to a special use permit for a place of public assembly for Tres Dias. Mr and Mrs Robert Pink, 22630 Skyview Circle, Brooksville, FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Do not allow Tres Dias to build on Batten Road**

1 message

File # SE-22-08

Parcel key 1153307, 11775007

Steven Bell &lt;sbell28@fau.edu&gt;

Sat, Jul 9, 2022 at 2:06 AM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us, odepablo@hernandocounty.us

To whole it may concern,

As a resident and owner of property on Skyview Circle, I implore you to reject the special zoning for the building of the Tres Dias compound on Batten Road. There has not been a substantial inspection of the impact that the increased traffic will have on the residents, the entity already has a location in the Brooksville area that they can use, and the multiple building compound would undeniably change the rural charisma of the residential area.

Allowing this entity to build multiple structures without an impact study on the current residents of the area is irresponsible and potentially dangerous to the residence of Batten road that already have to deal with an ever increasing number of vehicles on a road that is not intended for a large volume of traffic. The weekend use of the road by exotic car clubs, motorcycle riders, and bicyclists already place a stress on residents. There needs to be a study to see how the approval of such a large number of buildings (presumably to house a large number of people at one time) will increase the traffic in the area. The website for the entity does not state how many people attend their gatherings on average, so local residents can't even know what to anticipate although their website states that it is an ever growing number of people who participate, which indicates that there would be an inevitable increase in the number of vehicles on Batten Road. With an already deadly intersection at the end of Batten Road, there is no need to purposefully increase the traffic in the area. There are alternative areas that would better serve the needs of Tres Dias by currently having the infrastructure to accommodate the large number of people attending the events.

According to the Tres Dias website for the Tampa Bay area there are already locations in Brooksville that the non-affiliated church currently works out of and has buildings at that they could choose to

build on, instead of contributing to the urban sprawl that plagues Florida (<https://tbtd.org/about-tampa-bay/>). There is no need to build multiple buildings and a parking lot on Batten Road when they have the option for either using the properties they already own, or building their compound within areas zoned for such buildings. Alternatively, there are areas of Brooksville that are already home to heavy use of concrete and multiple large structures that Tres Dias could easily contribute to the growth of the town and help improve the look of some areas that have not seen the attention it deserves in recent years.

Allowing the zoning exception would have a drastic and negative impact on the rural views that attract visitors to the area to begin with. Bicyclists and Sunday drivers alike come to the Batten Road area to enjoy the rural views and heavily forested lands that are occupied by local residents. A compound with multiple structures and a parking lot would ruin the rural appearance of Batten Road. The last thing that is needed to keep the charm of the area is multiple buildings that contrast so heavily with the residential area.

The fact that an entity has to directly address the question of being a cult 2 different times in their "FAQ" section aside (<http://www.tresdias.org/tres-dias-faq/>), permitting the building of multiple structures and a parking lot would drastically change the current residential area all without knowing exactly how the current residents of the area would be negatively impacted, seeing as making this exception does not benefit anyone that lives on Batten Road.

Sincerely, and deeply concerned,  
Steven Bell

23150 Skyview Circle





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Re: Urgent: Batten Rd Special Exception Zoning meeting Monday**

1 message

File SE-22-08 Parcel key: 1153307, 11775007

**livewell@injoyconsulting.com** <livewell@injoyconsulting.com>

Fri, Jul 8, 2022 at 8:57 PM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Hi Renee,

Can you let them know we are in opposition to their proposal for the same reasons you are mentioning?

Live your possible,

Sonja Palomino

[injoyconsulting.com](mailto:livewell@injoyconsulting.com)

888-474-6569

23039 SkyView Cir  
Brooksville, FL 34602


**From:** Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 2:31 PM

**To:** [livewell@injoyconsulting.com](mailto:livewell@injoyconsulting.com) <livewell@injoyconsulting.com>

**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent: Batten Rd Special Exception Zoning meeting Monday

Hi Sonja,

I hope you are doing well!

We received a notice of a Public Hearing since we are within 500' of the property and would like other residents of Batten Road to be aware of this as it could impact you.

 There is a Public Hearing on Monday 11 July, 2022 at 9 am for the Planning and Zoning Commission to permit a Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly, Religious establishment with a spiritual retreat center and I'm trying to get the word out to our Batten Road neighbors. Lee Webb is the applicant and the "religious organization" is Tres Dias - you can find more information about them at their website - <https://www.tresdias.org/>.

To make it easy for you to navigate I have gathered all the information here for you and links to where I obtained the information. I have included 5 attachments with the information for the Tres Dias special exception request.

1. Notice of Public Hearing
2. Map of property under discussion
3. The staff report (they plan to recommend this exception).
4. Per the application - 5 buildings with dormitories and parking are planned.
5. Special Use Regulations

 Link is to the Hernando County government website which provides the Planning and Zoning Commission Agendas and the attachment 2- 5 above. <https://hernandocountyfl.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5717938&GUID=C43B408B-0ABC-4775-864A-FE3BF07ED1B4&Options=&Search=>

I have posed several questions to the Planning and Zoning committee but have had no response (i.e., how many can attend, maximum use occupancy, frequency of meetings, etc.) and noted my concerns related to traffic. We feel traffic is

bad enough on this road during fall, winter, spring months (Batten's too narrow, doesn't account for bicycle or pedestrian traffic on this hilly, narrow road). Please let me know if you have additional questions I should add.

We plan to oppose this along with several of our neighbors. We oppose this for several reasons but feel that most would be concerned about our quiet neighborhood, traffic, water quality, light pollution, and how this will affect our property values. If you cannot attend and would like your opposition noted, ***please reply to this email with a statement of your opposition to the special exception permit with your name and address*** and I will print them to take with me. Also, feel free to send comments to Omar DePablo at [odepablo@hernandocounty.us](mailto:odepablo@hernandocounty.us) and Michelle Miller at [mlmiller@hernandocounty.us](mailto:mlmiller@hernandocounty.us).

Please feel free to forward this to our neighbors and to let me know what you think.

Thanks for taking a moment to look at this.

Kindest regards,

Renee

**Renee Holcomb**

Managing Member | Administrative and Financial Manager

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**Tres Dias proposal FILE NUMBER SE-22-08 PARCEL KEY NUMBER 1153307, 11775007**

1 message

**Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson** <lsully78@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:22 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;, "odepablo@hernandocounty.us" &lt;odepablo@hernandocounty.us&gt;, "mlmiller@hernandocounty.us" &lt;mlmiller@hernandocounty.us&gt;

Cc: lorraine sullivan-thompson &lt;lsully78@yahoo.com&gt;, Ken Thompson &lt;cyberkeeper@yahoo.com&gt;

Hello. My name is Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson. I am a nurse practitioner who lives in Brooksville FL I live off of Powell Road and Batten Rd in a custom housing development of residential homes.

i reviewed Tres Dias websites, major info on the internet, and limited info from the Hernando county public hearing board.

I read about the low number of retreats , May have been due to not having a functional site. I would like to invite them to look closer to where they have populated areas of their religious establishments. And not here in Florida.

I have researched the tres dias concept and do not feel it is a good fit for our local community. We have a small one lane each way street and have enough roadway traffic and wildlife roaming. We have many bicyclists and joggers and walkers and do not need more automotive traffic.

I downloaded on the website find the locations. i tried to see where the florida location is on the map on the website and could only find "tampa bay" wording listed. no address and no location on the map. Also someone by name of Jeff listed but no contact info.

Almost feels like they are looking for a place to vacation while doing the three day seminar.

We are aware with religion affiliation, they will get benefits of tax exemption. This will hurt hernando county taxpayers and collections. we are a small county.

We wish you well in your finding a treat, but hope it is not in Hernando county.

Lorraine Sullivan-Thompson and Ken Thompson

[22605 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602](https://www.google.com/maps/place/22605+Skyview+Circle+Brooksville+FL+34602)

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Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**P&Z Agenda Item File 10703 SE-22-08**

1 message

*Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007***Lori Kamensky** <lori@acsiinc.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:32 PM

Planning &amp; Zoning Commission:

While I do not live on Batten Road I live to the east of it on Goldsmith

We do not need another Religious Establishment with retreat center in this area.

The traffic is already more than the roads can hold. Powell Road which is the direct cross road for Batten Road has bicyclists heavy on the weekends. This road

Is very hilly with many turns and curves is a two lane road in need of improvements. In the last 2 years there have been 2 very bad accidents at the corner of Powell and Goldsmith with vehicles flipped over

Because people do not adhere to traffic laws and speed limits we do not need more traffic and people who do not know the road, you are only asking for more accidents and possible fatality.

I strongly advise against approval for the special exception.

Lori Kamensky

[3544 Goldsmith Road](#)[Brooksville Florida 34602](#)

352-442-1918



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Fw: File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007**

1 message

**Ron Rehurek** <rwr41@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 3:39 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**From:** Ron Rehurek <rwr41@yahoo.com>**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 03:17:00 PM EDT**Subject:** Fw: File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007

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**From:** Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>**To:** "rwr41@yahoo.com" <rwr41@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 01:35:59 PM EDT**Subject:** File # Se-22-08; Parcel Key:1153307, 11775007

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Name

Address

Susan Batten Rehurek [3209 Batten Rd Brooksville Fl 34602](#)

I am unable to attend this Zoning Commission to permit a Special Exception Use Permit for a Place o Public Assembly. I am not in favor of this permit.

I grew up here and like the peace and comfort of the woods. This is a farming area and not big enough for a 1,000 people every month to gather here.

plus the added water and sewage use of this facility and not to mention the extra traffic to this area. There is a lot of farm animals here and the building

of these buildings will change our tax codes and our way of life in the country. PLEASE DONOT GRANT THIS PERMIT

Susan Batten Rehurek

[3209 Batten Road](#)[Brooksville, Fl. 34602](#)





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Batten road proposal**

1 message

File # SE-22-08 Parcel by 1153307, 11775007

**Bernice Denis** <budsmom101@hotmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 4:01 PM

To: "rholcomb@almostnewservices.com" &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Hi there. I would appreciate it if you could speak for our family at the meeting tomorrow. We live on Chenoak road and our concerns would be the water run off or displacement from development. We already get flooded in several times a year and more recently it has been because of the development in that area. Water runs downhill and we are below Batten road.

The next major concern is the amount of traffic already on Culbreath / Powell/ Ayers and Hayman. The number of accidents has gone through the roof with ALL the development of the county. Too much traffic/ heavy commuter use for these small county lanes. Winding roads and speeders don't mix. At least once a week there is some sort of accident at that intersection. It is very dangerous and getting worse.

When is it going to stop with the overdevelopment of this area? We moved to this area for the rural lifestyle and now it feels like we are in on a racetrack with all the traffic.

I am really tired of all these " Special Exceptions" for everybody. Why are they called special exceptions when it is common use for everyone and their brother?

Enough is enough for this area.

Thank you

The Denis Family  
22574 Chenoak road  
Brooksville 34602

## STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION

July 11, 2022

REGARDING: FILE # SE-22-08

PARCEL KEY NUMBER: 1153307, 11775007

We are sending this letter in response to a notice of public hearing for the above file number and parcel key.

We have lived on Batten road for 30 plus years and the thought of some type of religious retreat with dormitories going in across from our property is very disheartening. We have always enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere of this area that is why we moved here in the first place. Since the road was paved we are already dealing with others from different areas using Batten road as an access road to town at times exceeding the speed limit.

My husband and I are very concerned about more traffic coming in and also noise issues.

Along with various other neighbors on this road, we plan to oppose this approval of this special exception.

Mark & Rita Faltus  
4168 Batten Rd  
Brooksville , Fla. 34602



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**Statement of Opposition**

1 message

File: SE-22-08

Parcel Key: 1153307, 11775007

**Dani Abbadusky** <daniabba03@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 6:05 PM

To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Hi Renee,

My name is Dani Sauerwein. My husband and I and our three little girls live down Deerfly Road. Ms. Kanitz let us know of the special exemption case happening down the road. Below is a statement of opposition from my family. I am unable to attend the hearing as I am home with my girls over the summer (I am teacher) and they are all under the age of 6. I hope that the board truly listens and takes into consideration our thoughts and feelings.

To Whom It May Concern,

I would ask that this special exemption not be approved. My family and I moved out to Brooksville to get away from the traffic and the hustle and bustle of just the business that is taking over Florida. We wanted to raise our girls outdoors, wanted to have them surrounded by like minded people who work hard and value agriculture. Less than a year ago, another special exemption was approved- one of which that was within 500 feet of my home. This was devastating and so disappointing for us. Now, another special exemption is being requested just down the road from where we live. Please do not, within a year, approve for another building/activity center to be built on agricultural land. Please help us preserve the beauty of Brooksville that is agriculture. Please help us keep traffic at a minimum and the area safe for my children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Dani Sauerwein and the Sauerwein Family

23025 Deerfly Road  
Brooksville FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**NO DORMITORIES on Batten Road**

1 message

**Allison Davis-Lollie Performance Horses & Mustangs** <davisallison92@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:16 PM

To: Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us, odepablo@hernandocounty.us

This is a quiet residential community in the country, not a college town. We do not want anyone changing the zoning for this area. I am saying NO to this "religious organization" and their dormitory housing.

On top of that vehicle traffic has already greatly increased since the Ayers Road extention. This has caused an increase in accidents at the Culbreath Road, Ayers Road, and Hayman Road intersection. Allowing this will cause nothing, but more issue in our rural community!

Batten Road sustains a lot of pedestrian foot traffic and bicycle traffic weekdays and weekends. This area of hernando county needs to remain as is to ensure safety of our friends and loved ones!

Cody and Allison Davis-Lollie  
[74 Culbreath Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602](#)

July 9, 2022

Reginald and Marianne Vadasz  
2305 Batten Rd.  
Brooksville FL 34602  
813-690-1941  
Parcel Key: 00384015 and 01641316

Attn: Hernando County Planning Department

RE: File # SE-22-08 Applicant: Tampa Bay Tres Dias, Special Exception Use Permit

Dear Mr. DePablo and Ms. Miller,

We have recently been advised that a property near us on Batten Rd. is being considered for a Special Exception Use Permit. Respectfully, please be advised that we adamantly oppose such an Exception for several reasons.

We are a quiet, rural neighborhood with little traffic and lots of beautiful wildlife. And that is exactly why we purchased our home on 16 acres and moved here over 15 years ago. We loved our property and our neighborhood so much that we purchased an additional 20 acres so that we could continue to enjoy our rural life and also be a haven to the wildlife that surrounds us. We will not be able to do that if the County gives "Special Exception" for a place of Public Assembly of ANY kind. This is NOT an area where a commercial type of business (church or any other public business) should be allowed to operate. ***We are an agricultural area and we should be able to stay that way, no exceptions!***

Our neighborhood cannot handle the traffic that an exception like this will bring. Batten Road is not wide enough for public traffic, nor do we want it widened!

We currently enjoy fresh, clean water. That **will NOT** be the case if public assembly groups are given Special Exceptions to build on these properties.

We have invested a ton of money, as well as blood, sweat and tears into our homestead. Allowing special exceptions for public groups will certainly have a **negative effect** on our property values. We need to keep our neighborhood AS IS, and not allow zoning exceptions.

Thank you,  
Reginald and Marianne Vadasz



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition to SE-22-08**

1 message

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**T Svobo** <tonyasvoboda2@gmail.com>  
To: Renee Holcomb <rholcomb@almostnewservices.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:22 PM

Name: Tonya Svoboda  
Address: [2959 Saturn Road](#)  
[Brooksville Fl](#)  
[34604](#)

Good evening,

I would like to submit a formal opposition to SE-22-08, Tampa Bay Tres Dias:Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Public Assembly.

Tres Dias is planning to build dormitories likely for people to attend Renewal Retreats, which will result in potentially hundreds of transient attendees per year in an area that is currently a rural area of homeowners who built or bought there specifically because they want to enjoy living in a rural area. Having this place of public assembly will result in more traffic and noise and will diminish the enjoyment of the people living there. Since people must pay to attend the retreat, this could even be considered commercial activity. Other construction, buildings and infrastructure will be required to support the attendees, such as food preparation and sanitation support. It is my opinion that this proposed area is not appropriate to build a place for those types of activities, and that it should instead be built in an area that is not agricultural and already has the infrastructure in place to support it. I ask the board to deny this request for special exception use for a place of public assembly.

Respectfully,  
Tonya Svoboda





Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**NO DORMATORIES ON BATTEN**

1 message

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**Nicole D** <infernoorangelt@gmail.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 7:26 PM

Good evening.

For whatever reason I have struggled multiple times to email. My message being considered spam. So. Trying again.

Concerned citizen here.

The last thing this town needs is MORE DEVELOPMENT let alone a potential cult organization of all things. What religious group needs dormatories? Its not a school. Its not a barracks. Why here? How many people and what type of people are they looking to house here? Not to mention changing the zoning will not just effect people's homes let alone traffic but the local ag businesses. There are multiple hay farms, horse and livestock farms in that area.

I do not live on batten but I have FAMILY AND FRIENDS that do. So I frequently visit this area. Traffic has already significantly increased causing near weekly accidents at Ayers and Culbreath.

The fact the community has been given 0 notice to attend the meeting just shows the intent here. This is a disgusting use of local property. Disgusting treatment of the families and businesses already in existence in that area. To change zoning for something so foolish blows my mind. I love this town. Love this community and the last thing I want to see is it further destroyed for the sake of the oh mighty dollar and opening the door to lord knows what here.

Signed  
Nicole D'Arrigo  
[11460 Star Rd Brooksville fl](#)



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Proposed Tres Dias Establishment/Retreat located on the west side of Batten Road, Hernando County, Florida**

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Dianne Thomas-Secord &lt;dsecord812@gmail.com&gt;

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:34 PM

To: odepablo@hernandocounty.us

Cc: mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

Good Evening,

As a resident of the Spring Lake Forest community, I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed site of the above listed. My home is on the north side of Skyview Circle, and the site at issue, is virtually in my backyard.

Please understand that I am not opposed to the religious establishment, per se, but to the additional traffic this retreat would bring to our area. Ever since the paving of Batten Road, it has become a thoroughfare for anyone wanting to travel from Hayman to Powell, or vice versa, most of whom do not even adhere to the posted speed limit. In addition, our community has become a hub for both bicyclists & motorcyclists, adding to the congestion we are already experiencing. I, like my neighbors, am opposed to adding to that congestion.

We are only a small country road. Please consider our community's opposition and disallow the establishment of this retreat at its present proposed site.

Thank you.

Dianne Thomas-Secord  
23149 Skyview Circle, Brooksville, FL 34602

Sent from my iPhone



Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

**PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - DATED JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM**

1 message

**Janeen Gorman** <siemon196838@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:23 PM

To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com, odepablo@hernandocounty.us, mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Janeen Gorman and I reside at 22959 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. The reason for my email is to express my disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. We are tax payers and the reason for moving into Hernando County is for the peace and tranquility as well as quality of life for my family. I am concerned that allowing a religious organization that is tax exempt to build 5 dormitories on Batten Road will significantly affect our neighborhood in a negative way.

Batten Road is a narrow and hilly road that cannot handle the current flow of traffic let alone allow an organization that is charging for 3-day retreat to invade our community thereby increasing traffic flow as well as bringing transit people in our surrounding neighborhood. We as current tax payers expect our county protect and provide safety for it's tax paying residents and with the county giving us last minute notice of this proposal is irresponsible as it does not give it's residents enough time to plan and make arrangements to come together to express our concerns. I hope this proposal doesn't go through as the county will be responsible for any events of trespassing and or infringements of our rights to live in Hernando County. I hope the county takes responsibility and make the right decision for it's residents and protect and provide the tax payers the well needed safety and tranquility that we already enjoy living the Brooksville.

Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for it's residents.

Sincerely,

Janeen & George Gorman  
22959 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville FL 34602

## Zoning meeting questions

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**From:** Robert Odom robertofskyview@yahoo.com

**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com , odepablo@hernandocouty.us ,  
mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

**Date:** Sun, Jul 10, 2022, 10:58 PM

My wife and I got your mail about the upcoming zoning meeting. Due to the late delivery of the mail, we will be unable to attend the meeting.

We do have reservations to the zoning request. Number one, it was NEVER posted publicly with a sign at the property. Why is that? Why so secretive. Next, it sounds like they want to put "dorms", and from reviewing online, I've seen mentions of possibly 42 people at these "retreats". That means you would have to have facilities large enough to support this number of people. This means, parking, lighting, power, water, septic. Not to mention I believe the creek that comes into this neighborhood is fed from somewhere near or on that property.

Why has the county kept this so quiet about the use, the number of people who would be on the site etc. We already have enough traffic issues on Batten, Hayman and Powell from bicyclists the county has allowed to come in and run amok. Adding something like this to Batten would simply worsen the problem, and then there's the noise. What sort of noise is expected from this type of site? We've all moved out to this area for the quiet wooded country to listen and see the wildlife and the trees. Skyview Circle is much noisier now than it was 20+ years ago when we moved here, because the county has allowed to large pieces of land on Powell Rd to be clear cut of all the trees, allowing all the road noise of Powell Rd to be heard so clear. Imagine whatever noise that will be coming from this group will be like, and they will be much closer.

My wife and I want the property in this area to stay single family homes, as it was originally, intended, so that it can be enjoyed as it should. We have churches nearby already, I don't see the need for adding more religious activities nearby.

Robert and Laura Odom  
22823 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville, FL 34602

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## PROPOSED ZONING HEARING - FOR JULY 11TH, 2022 @ 9AM

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**From:** Alwezl8 Apprec18 alwezl8@gmail.com

**To:** rholcomb@almostnewservices.com , mlmiller@hernandocounty.us

**Date:** Sun, Jul 10, 2022, 10:26 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am resident at 22702 Skyview Circle Brooksville FL 34602. I am shocked to receive a last minute notice from the county regarding the proposed zoning hearing on Batten Road for a religious organization to build 5 dormitories on Batten road. This is extremely incompetent of the county to give it's residents such a short notice making it difficult for residents to make time to properly represent the neighborhood against this proposal. It sounds like this is the county's intent to pass this proposal without the residents approval. I am sure that the religious organization filled the permit a while back but I find it strange that the county withheld this request until last minute to notify the tax paying residents and hope that this is not an attempt to circumvent the process and just approve the request.

The reason for this email is to express our disapproval of the proposed last minute zoning that will affect my property off Batten Road. As taxpayers, we do not see any benefits of having an organization set up a retreat and jeopardize the true nature of living in Brooksville by bringing in people from all over to congest our quiet neighborhood. I believe that will also affect our property value and take away from the neighborhood the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. Why should an organization that does not pay taxes be allowed to just invade our community? Can the county explain to the taxpayers why they are entertaining such requests? A short research on the proposed organization gives us mixed feelings and we do not think this is the right organization for our private neighborhood. I urge the county to do proper due diligence before even considering allowing such organization in our neighborhood.

The county and our political representatives' duties are to provide a safe and tranquil environment to its residents as well as provide adequate infrastructure to its residents. We do not have high speed internet and have yet to see any movement on the rural infrastructure funds that is allocated to the state of Florida and the county, but yet you chose to entertain a non tax paying entity to build a 5 dormitory in our neighborhood. I can assure you that even with the short notice, our neighborhood stand together against this proposal and we urge the county to disapprove this request

Please take this letter as our petition against the proposed change and I trust that the county will do the right thing for its residents.

Sincerely,

Linda Ghalieh & Edwin Oyakhilome

22702 Skyview Circle

Brooksville FL 34602

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Renee Holcomb &lt;rholcomb@almostnewservices.com&gt;

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**Opposition to dormitories on batten**

1 message

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**Krista Vandetti** <kristam1624@yahoo.com>  
To: rholcomb@almostnewservices.com

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:47 AM

Good Morning,

My name is Krista Vandetti. My Husband and I live on 22733 SkyView Cir and we oppose dormitories moving into our quite community. If you ask anyone in this area most people moved out here and the property in this area is highly sought out for the peace and solidarity. Please consider a different location as we have moved here for more property, less people and the ability to enjoy land in our beautiful state uninterrupted from traffic and light pollution.

Thank you for considering our request,  
Nick and Krista Vandetti

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Lisa Serafini](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parcel 1153307 and 11775007  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2022 8:51:27 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As a Batten Road resident, I am opposed to the special exception use permit on the above two parcels.

Lisa Serafini  
3025 Batten Road  
Brooksville, FL 34602

**From:** [Steven Bell](#)  
**To:** [Renee Holcomb](#); [Michelle Miller](#); [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Subject:** Do not allow Tres Dias to build on Batten Road  
**Date:** Saturday, July 9, 2022 2:07:19 AM

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To whole it may concern,

As a resident and owner of property on Skyview Circle, I implore you to reject the special zoning for the building of the Tres Dias compound on Batten Road. There has not been a substantial inspection of the impact that the increased traffic will have on the residents, the entity already has a location in the Brooksville area that they can use, and the multiple building compound would undeniably change the rural charisma of the residential area.

Allowing this entity to build multiple structures without an impact study on the current residents of the area is irresponsible and potentially dangerous to the residence of Batten road that already have to deal with an ever increasing number of vehicles on a road that is not intended for a large volume of traffic. The weekend use of the road by exotic car clubs, motorcycle riders, and bicyclists already place a stress on residents. There needs to be a study to see how the approval of such a large number of buildings (presumably to house a large number of people at one time) will increase the traffic in the area. The website for the entity does not state how many people attend their gatherings on average, so local residents can't even know what to anticipate although their website states that it is an ever growing number of people who participate, which indicates that there would be an inevitable increase in the number of vehicles on Batten Road. With an already deadly intersection at the end of Batten Road, there is no need to purposefully increase the traffic in the area. There are alternative areas that would better serve the needs of Tres Dias by currently having the infrastructure to accommodate the large number of people attending the events.

According to the Tres Dias website for the Tampa Bay area there are already locations in Brooksville that the non-affiliated church currently works out of and has buildings at that they could choose to build on, instead of contributing to the urban sprawl that plagues Florida (<https://tbtd.org/about-tampa-bay/>). There is no need to build multiple buildings and a parking lot on Batten Road when they have the option for either using the properties they already own, or building their compound within areas zoned for such buildings. Alternatively, there are areas of Brooksville that are already home to heavy use of concrete and multiple large structures that Tres Dias could easily contribute to the growth of the town and help improve the look of some areas that have not seen the attention it deserves in recent years.

Allowing the zoning exception would have a drastic and negative impact on the rural views that attract visitors to the area to begin with. Bicyclists and Sunday drivers alike come to the Batten Road area to enjoy the rural views and heavily forested lands that are occupied by local residents. A compound with multiple structures and a parking lot would ruin the rural appearance of Batten Road. The last thing that is needed to keep the charm of the area is multiple buildings that contrast so heavily with the residential area.

The fact that an entity has to directly address the question of being a cult 2 different times in their "FAQ" section aside (<http://www.tresdias.org/tres-dias-faq/>), permitting the building of multiple structures and a parking lot would drastically change the current residential area all without knowing exactly how the current residents of the area would be negatively impacted impacted, seeing as making this exception does not benefit anyone that lives on Batten Road.

Sincerely, and deeply concerned,  
Steven Bell

23150 Skyview Circle

**From:** [Kristen Schram](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** File Number SE-22-08 Special Exception Use Permit  
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Parcel Key Numbers 1153307, 11775007

Mr. DePablo,

I would like to express my opposition to this special use permit for a retreat gathering. I have lived on Skyview Circle for almost 19 years and upon investigating numerous lots in this area, there are no businesses out here. It is country living on acreage and homes.

My first problem is that there was no sign posted letting anyone know of this request. In addition, there is no mention as to how many people will be at this facility during these retreats. What is the maximum use capacity? Also, as this is a business, the facility is not going to sit unused and only be used several times a year. Who will they be renting this facility out to? What other events are they planning there?

Batten Road is already a very busy road with little room for wide vehicles and bicyclists as the road is very narrow with no shoulders, bike lanes or pedestrian paths. The bicyclists do not follow the rules of the road and take up entire lanes. This is not the place for a business. If this is allowed it will only attract more of the same. I really hope this will not move forward.

Respectfully,  
Tory & Kristen Schram  
22403 Skyview Circle  
Brooksville, FL 34602

**From:** [vicki fontano](#)  
**To:** [Omar DePablo](#); [Michelle Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Batten rd re:Tresdias/Leewebb file no. SE-22-08  
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Hi my name is Vicki Fontano, and i/we own 3142 Batten rd.

I want to make it clear that my husband David and Daughter Abigail firmly OPPOSE the applicant and project special zoning request wanted for Tampa Bay Tres Dias.

Parcel key :1153307 and 11775007.

File No.SE-22-08

Batten rd is not a place to add a facility like this. The road is very narrow and has a large variety of agriculture animals and a large population of wildlife. Animals that we are very concerned for. We have a large variety of non residential speeders that pass thru Batten rd daily/hourly and have huge disregard for the homeowners and our own pets and Ag animals. Adding ANY traffic to this road will make it more dangerous! Even more dangerous, especially for the regular population of bicyclists. They themselves are at risk traveling Batten rd for the same reasons - non residents of Batten Rd who speed and disregard the laws. The bicyclists have also created a pass thru hazzard on Batten Rd but that is a separate concerning issue. We personally are not against any religious org, but NOT on Batten Rd. This is not the place to put something of this nature. The location they want is not a safe location to add traffic or children. We enjoy the entire NATURAL aspects Batten Rd and much of Powell and Hayman Rd offer and do not want to see this ruined or taken away. Adding more traffic/cars and persons to this area and rd will take away from the agricultural aspect Batten offers and already is. I, myself are a handicapped person and have been avoiding heavily populated areas of Hernando and other counties due to the lack of respect shown to residents, their properties and possessions. adding a population which is an undetermined number at this time raises great concern for myself and neighbors. I do not want to fear leaving my own home because of traffic and populations from Tres Dias facility concerns on my own Rd.

Please do NOT approve this request. There are many other areas in Hernando county as well as other counties they can consider to build. WE OPPOSE !

Thank you for your time, Vicki, David and Abigail Fontano