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**From:** Glenn, John: [mailto:John.Glenn@p66.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** County's proposed changes to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and Code

My name is John Glenn and I work at the Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery as an Operations Coordinator.

I oppose the County's proposed changes to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and Code. These proposed changes could prevent permit approvals for future projects at the refinery, including safety and infrastructure upgrades. These upgrades are vital for worker safety and to ensure the refinery remains a viable asset and that I have a job to support my family. Please do not impose these changes that will harm the refining industry in Whatcom County.

I relocated to Whatcom county in January of 2012 because the refinery that I worked at for 21 years was closed due to poor refining margins and profitability. Phillips 66 pays living wages and I have seen the direct result of what can happen to the community when these living wage jobs go away.

Please support the growth of living wage jobs in Whatcom county by supporting the Cherry Point Refineries.

- The oil industry is a worldwide market. The proposed amendments ONLY apply to Oil Refineries in Whatcom county, unfairly penalizing ONLY our refinery and our jobs. Please don't jeopardize my job and my safety.
  
- Please don't jeopardize worker safety with this proposal. The ordinance MUST allow all maintenance, safety, and environmental projects to proceed without delay and uncertainty.
  
- If the proposed amendments are passed, it will become extremely difficult, if not impossible, for our company to obtain permit approvals for future projects at the refinery. 80% of our project funds are spent on safety and infrastructure upgrades that are VITAL for our worker's safety. Why would you make that more difficult?

- Please don't impose these significant changes without studying the impact. This proposal will HURT my job, worker safety, and the environment. The two refineries in Whatcom county are extremely safe and are excellent stewards of the environment. Why would you impose these significant changes without understanding the impact. Please don't jeopardize my job, my safety, and the safety of my coworkers.
- P66 Ferndale Refinery is one of only 5 energy star certified refineries in the United States. That means that we are top quartile in energy conservation, efficiency, and greenhouse gas emissions. Since oil refining is a world market, why would we want to hurt one of the lowest emissions refineries in the world with these comp plan changes?
- P66 Ferndale Refinery spends roughly \$40 million per year on projects that improve worker safety, ensure regulatory compliance, and upgrade infrastructure. These proposed amendments would require conditional use permits putting all of those upgrades at risk. Examples include the flare system that took atmospheric relief valves into an enclosed system, the Tier 3 hydrotreater (Federal regulation on gasoline sulfur), and the items completed to upgrade safety systems that improve worker safety.
- Any ordinance should exempt renewable projects. Treating renewable fuels with the same restrictions will make it impossible to do renewable projects that benefit the environment.
- The ordinance creates a disincentive for investment, which results in less safety upgrades, less infrastructure improvement, and less environmental conservation upgrades. BP and P66 want to spend money to upgrade safety systems and infrastructure, but without certainty that funding will not be available.