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For the record.

Thankyou.



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Subject

SSR - Westpark Communities: This Request for Inclusion into the UGA Expansion, Property East of SE 283rd Avenue, Camas, Submitted by Jordan Ramis.

Date of Hearing

Fri, 12/06/2024

Comment

For the Clark County Council Members,

This proposal has several issues—the area is too rural to support the number of homes proposed for this area. The roads and infrastructure are county roads, with few outlets for entrance and exit, which will cause traffic congestion for an area with few options of rerouting. The northern portion of SE 283rd Ave, which becomes Hathaway, is virtually unchangeable, given the way it is set up, and given the upcoming construction on the Everett/SR 500 corridor will mean our small neighborhood will be locked in without many exits. Part of this is due to the geographical feature of the Little Washougal River to the East, which leads me to my next point.

This is a critical watershed area. The construction and then habitation of this area will cause runoff into our critical waterways. This area is home to bobcat, bear, an occasional cougar, bald eagles, Great Horned Owl, Western Tanager, many species of frogs and salamanders and other beautiful species. This much density will disrupt these ecosystems. We moved to this area 15 years ago because of the natural beauty and wild spaces, but that is being lost because of the greedy developers and uninhabitable, thrown-together neighborhoods sprouting up around us. The Woodburn neighborhood, for example has extremely high turnover and is not a pleasant place, which is antithetical to community building and putting down roots.

The Jordan Ramis developers have included "data" to indicate our rural areas do not support any local agriculture, but I am here also to refute that claim. I am a flower farmer, vending at the Vancouver Farmer's Market, year round. I produce cut and dried flowers using sustainable methods for the local community, as well as some produce and pumpkins. I live only a handful of "doors down" from this proposed development, amongst many, many other neighbors that also grow agricultural products (livestock, flowers, produce, timber products, and eggs just along SE 283rd and Hathaway) for our local community.

Please do not push the urban growth boundary to include these parcels. This is not a sustainable development, given road infrastructure, environment, or loss of critical ranching and farmland. Thank you for your time,

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