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Date: 1/28/2009 11:13 PM
Subject: King County Municipal Jail
Attachments: Letter for DEIS Jan 28 09.doc

Dear Ms. Sugimura:

I have attached comment letter for your review. Please make us a party of record.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Nancy Jang

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January 28, 2009

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Dear Ms. Sugimura:

We own a fourplex which shares a portion of the southern boundary of the Shoreline property under consideration for a regional jail facility.

Just prior to the Dec 15, 2009 meeting held by the NEC, we received a postcard notifying us of the meeting. We were stunned to learn that a jail was being proposed on property adjacent to our multi-family residence. This area is residential. The Shoreline site is surrounded by single family homes and apartment complexes filled with families. It is deplorable that a jail could be considered in this location. The other sites under consideration may be near residential areas, but not smack dab in the middle of one. No neighborhood will welcome a jail into its community, but the other choices have some buffering between the houses and the jail.

Considering how populated the area is with children that factor in itself should preclude the inclusion of this property as a possible jail site. With schools, churches and other community gathering places so close, it seems illogical and injudicious to keep the Shoreline site on the list..

The Kellogg Jr. High School site has become the community recreation center allowing for many activities offered by parks in larger cities. Shoreline is park-deficient. This area provides children and adults with the open space they need in this heavily residential community. Putting a jail where a "park" existed will only contribute to the formula for delinquency for idle youth.

The statement made that the siting of a jail near a residence will not have an adverse impact on its home values is absurd. What kind of family would choose a house next to a jail if other options are available? The jail will not only have a negative effect on house

values, but will likely cause degradation of an active neighborhood. There surely will be flight out of the area of responsible families, leaving residents who don't care about

their neighborhood. It would be the beginnings of a ghetto-type environment. As you can see from their website, <http://ballingerneighborhood.org>, this is currently a community invested in improving the quality of life for the entire neighborhood.

The point about increased police presence discouraging criminal activity is weak. There are police cars regularly filling up their gas tanks across the street (on 25th NE), but crimes still occur. One of our tenants vehicles was stolen & burglarized right on that very street under a lamp post.

Water is no small issue in this area. Flooding of our property and the street in front of it made the tv news a few years ago when a summer storm caused heavy dumpsters to float across the street, flooding of the neighbor's basement and undermining our asphalt driveway. Apparently, the storm water system is inadequate to handle a heavy rain, and the consequences to property owners are disastrous. We were told that Lake Forest Park has under-sized pipes that cause a backup into Shoreline of surface water. We understand that Lake Forest Park is unable and/or unwilling to upgrade their pipes to meet the needs of Shoreline. We were also told that there is a creek/wetland that runs underground on the west side of the property. It sounds logical that Bruggers Bog is a wetland that continues as a creek south toward Lake Forest Park. Creating more impermeable surfaces in this area will only exacerbate an already overloaded sewer system.

The streets in the area were never intended for heavy traffic. Public transportation is only available on Ballinger and 205th, requiring a walk of several blocks through residential areas to either of the main roads. Non-existent sidewalks will be imperative in the surrounding area to serve the increased pedestrian traffic. Vehicular traffic and parking issues will have to be addressed in an area where newer developments have not provided for adequate on-site parking.

It seems inconceivable that this neighborhood is under consideration for such an inappropriate use of this property. Please reassess your priorities and eliminate this site from your list.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Gary Jang & Nancy Jang
Owners of properties: 2500-2506 NE 195th Place, Shoreline, WA 98155

From: Christi Van Deusen <annevan67@yahoo.com>
To: <municipaljailSEPA@seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 8:32 AM
Subject: Scope of EIS for Aldercrest Annex

To the NEC;

As a citizen of Lake Forest Park living barely two blocks from the proposed jail site at the Aldercrest Annex, I believe it is IMPERATIVE that you include residential property values in your EIS scope. Our area is unique in comparison to the other sites on the list and should be treated as such. It has become very clear through information accumulated by our community that the studies previously cited at the public forums regarding property value are completely meaningless and irrelevant when compared to the parcel of land in Shoreline. If you compare the site maps involved in previous studies of property value it is more than obvious that there is NO COMPARISON. When you compare the Shoreline site to the other sites on the list there is also NO COMPARISON. To compare Aldercrest annex to the areas in the cited study is incredibly misleading. To fail to include residential property value as a factor in the EIS scope is UNJUST.

We DEMAND that you include residential property values as an optional analysis under WAC-197-11-440(8).

Respectfully,
Christi Hanks
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From: "Shauna Temple (LCA)" <stemple@microsoft.com>
To: "MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov" <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 9:40 AM
Subject: Please do not build in Kirkland/Redmond

That location is close to a large park where children play, there are schools and low income housing where there are plenty of children and limited resources for the inmates who are released to use to get out of the area. I'd be VERY concerned about people staying around after their time or them taking to the wooded areas close by. This is a highly travelled area also with school buses and commuters, it would be stressful to drive past a municipal jail with WAY more beds than our community would need.

Thank you,

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From: Jerrine Regester <jerrineregester@gmail.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 9:49 AM
Subject: Scoping Comment: Against Municipal Jail at Shoreline Location

We are Shoreline/Lake Forest Park property owners and are AGAINST placing the new municipal jail at 2545 NE 200th Street. We are against this for two following reasons:

1. The location is too far from the transportation routes, therefore, transportation costs will be unnecessarily high to transport inmates and staff, as necessary.
2. The location is too close to school children and schools, therefore, creating a potential unnecessary endangerment.

Jerrine and Greg Regester
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From: "Roger Shands" <rogers@solid-ground.org>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 10:30 AM
Subject: Comment for public record- No Shoreline Jail

We live a block and a half from the proposed Aldercrest Annex site. To place a 600 bed facility at this site to us would be the height of asinities. This is a heavily populated residential area. The site and adjacent fields are used by youth for recreational purposes. There is a school and day care across the street. I have a son who frequently goes up and plays basketball or football with his friends in this area. We feel very safe and secure about the neighborhood that we are living in. To place the jail in our neighborhood would negatively impact this tremendously. Please reconsider the placement of this facility at this site.

Roger and Mary Ellen Shands

3113 NE 200th St.

Shoreline, WA 98155

From: "Jennifer Davis"
To: <kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov>, <jane.hague@kingcounty.gov>, <bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov>, <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 10:35 AM
Subject: Jail in Kirkland/Redmond--Comment Period Ends Jan. 30

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I was not happy to hear that my Kirkland/Juanita neighborhood may be the site of a new jail. If this is the case, we will move! I really do not think a residential area filled with children is a good site for a jail. I'm a new mother and I most certainly will not live in a neighbor with a major jail in it. The visitors, parking, traffic, possible drugs, circulation of people, transportation....will affect our area. I cringe at the idea that my little girl may have to walk home from school and be close to a jail or folks recently released from that jail.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer P. Davis

King County wants to build a new jail. It's selected six sites: three in Seattle, one in Bellevue, one in Shoreline, and one in unincorporated King County (east of Totem Lake Mall in north Kirkland/Redmond area). It's the last location about which several PTA units are concerned. Because the site happens to be in an unincorporated area, e.g. no city council governance, many schools believe there is little or no representation for them at the deliberations. In other words, that area needs residents to Speak Up.

From: "Lina Couvreur (TONG)"
To: "MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov" <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
CC: Julien Couvreur <jcouv@microsoft.com>
Date: 1/29/2009 11:40 AM
Subject: We do not want a Jail built in Kirkland WA

Hi, is this the official channel to voice our objection on having a Prison built in our neighborhood? If so, we object to building a prison in Kirkland!
If this is not the right channel, please redirect us, or forward this thread. Thanks!

Thank You
Lina Tong Couvreur, Release Manager, Dynamics GDL

From: "Imran Ali" <i2ali@hotmail.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 11:54 AM
Subject: Concern about building a jail in the North Kirkland area

I am writing to express my concern about the development of a jail in the north Kirkland area. I have a child who may be affected by this and given the location in unincorporated area, I would be concerned about security and how this would affect nearby schools.

Thanks,

Imran Ali

From: Scott Tucker <Scott.Tucker@microsoft.com>
To: "MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov" <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 12:14 PM
Subject: EIS for study items

I would like to see the EIS include official business vehicle impact for each site.

The distance from each city court to the jail site?

How many daily trips will it be from each city court to the Jail and back?

Using what kind of vehicles?

A calculation of the gas needed and CO2 plus other negative tail pipe impacts based on the 3 values above.

How many other official trips per day to and from the jail to other facilities (hospital for example)?

Distance for those trips? Kind of vehicle? Same calculations.

So that we can know the traffic and fuel consumption / exhaust impacts of each site.

Also, on what routes, during what time of day?

Thank you,
Scott Tucker
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From: <sjolunds5@aol.com>
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Date: 1/29/2009 1:36 PM
Subject: No Jail in Unincorporated King County

I am writing this letter, as a concerned citizen, to hopefully help persuade the committee to strike the unincorporated King County site at 132nd in Kirkland from their list of possible sites for the new jail. When I first heard that this site was being considered I was more than shocked. The location is in a busy traffic area with several schools and day care centers within a couple mile radius. There are baseball fields, wetlands, 60 acres of soccer fields and a gymnastics facility for children and elderly care facilities close to the proposed site. Anyone who lives in this area knows that while police officers do their best with the limited resources they have, the response time is SLOW in this area due to the limited number of officers assigned to protect all of the unincorporated areas from here to Maple Valley.

In addition to the safety and environmental concerns, the most negative impact this site will have on the surrounding community will be economic. There are many small businesses and strip malls right next to this site. The Totem Lake Mall is near empty with a plan to redevelop the site to be a destination shopping center for the Eastside. Having a jail right near here will likely be a deterrent not only for retailers who would be possible tenants, but also for shoppers who would chose to go to a safer area somewhere else.

Why not build the jail in a more rural site away from multitudes of schools, parks, elderly care facilities and small businesses? Traffic at 132nd and 124th is already very heavy at peak times of the day and this jail would just add to the congestion in this community, not to mention the lack of emergency services available. Placing the jail in a more rural site would also benefit communities by providing job opportunities where few are present.

Please do not put a jail in this neighborhood community!

Sincerely,
Lynn Sjolund
Kingsgate neighborhood resident

From: "Jan Berg (LCA)" <janberg@microsoft.com>
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Date: 1/29/2009 1:48 PM
Subject: Jail

I understand there is a proposed site in Kirkland for a new jail.

No. For all the sane, logical reasons, no. Horrendous idea. Might as well close the schools, parks, hospitals and stores now. All the law abiding, taxpaying citizens with a choice will run for the hills.

From: Raymond Borbon <rborbon@windows.microsoft.com>
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Date: 1/29/2009 1:55 PM
Subject: Jail in Kirkland/Redmond--Comment Period Ends Jan. 30

I am opposed to the jail site at Kirkland/Redmond

I don't want crooks let loose on the streets near my young daughter. Police already don't respond to problems in my neighborhood as it is.

From: Sheila Gilchrist <sheelagilchrist@hotmail.com>
To: <municipaljailsepa@seattle.gov>
Date: 1/29/2009 2:13 PM
Subject: Comment on Unincorporated King County Location not Acceptable forJail

The proposed new city jail should NOT be located at the Unincorporated King County site at 13225 NE 126h place (which is notably NOT within the Kirkland city limits), for many reasons, including the following:

Several public schools, including 2 elementary schools and one junior high, are located within walking distance from the proposed Unincorporated King County site, making the unincorporated King County location an extremely undesirable location for a jail, and putting hundreds of children at risk.

The proposed Unincorporated King County site would have no local law enforcement support. This is because it is not located within any city limits.

The proposed Unincorporated King County site would create significant traffic problems in the area, and since no city is responsible for the roads, the roads would be overrun and become deteriorated. King County maintains the roads in the area, and would have to bear the cost of any traffic revisions and repairs to roads, not a city. Further, the current setup of roads does not allow a 600+ bed jail to be in place at the proposed Unincorporated King County site without significant changes to the roads and utilities.

The proposed Unincorporated King County site has a history of flooding, as does the whole valley located in the same area. This would cost King County taxpayers, not any city, significant amount of money to cover ongoing flood damage to any building on the proposed site.

Any flooding that currently exists each year at the proposed site location will become increasingly worse with a jail at the proposed Unincorporated King County site for all the neighbors, both residential and commercial, due to less ground to saturate the water and greater runoff from surface water.

The proposed Unincorporated King County site would have extreme adverse impact on the environment due to increased waste, traffic pollution, and air pollution which will be irreversible and significant, including effecting a wetland and park directly adjacent to the proposed site.

The Unincorporated King County proposed site is immediately next to a heavy populated residential area and would greatly impact the residential area's character, safety and way of life.

There are no supporting services in the proposed Unincorporated King County site for a jail, such as bonding companies, motels, restaurants, mail services, grocery stores, etc, and the site area does not allow further building for those services due to wetlands and established farmlands and parks.

The site is located away from a major freeway, and released criminals would be required to walk or transport through residential areas to get to the freeway. This would create further risk to an established community of families.

The Unincorporated King County site is an unacceptable location for a new City Jail for the reasons mentioned above, as well as many others. Please take serious consideration in removing the Unincorporated King County site location from the list.

Thank you

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From: Sheila Gilchrist <sheelagilchrist@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Written comments rg. scoping process for new city jail

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