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**Date:** 1/5/2009 2:55 PM  
**Subject:** EIS scoping process comments regarding potential jail

Attention, NEC Regional Municipal Jail EIS planners:

I am writing to express concerns about the potential unincorporated King County jail site near Totem Lake. I am opposed to this site, and respectfully urge you during your review, to consider:

1) Your criteria for a site include that the site be in and adjacent to commercial/light industrial land uses. The proposed unincorporated site, while itself perhaps considered light industrial, is just two blocks from a residential neighborhood. In addition, it is not far from several schools in the Lake Washington School District, including Helen Keller Elementary, Muir Elementary, Robert Frost Elementary, Kamiakin Junior High, and Juanita High School, as well as Lake Washington Technical College. There is a heavily used park nearby as well (King County's 132nd Square Park) which my toddler and I frequent along with many children, families and youth sports teams. I am concerned about potential safety impacts to local neighborhoods, children, and families.

2) I understand that a new jail is needed to house city jail inmates. To house them in unincorporated King County, where county residents do not benefit from city services, is unfair to us and the inmates. Already, we are bereft of the quick response times of city police forces, the better parks facilities, etc. ... now you want to punish us with a "municipal" jail? And inmates who are released will not be in a city with accompanying city services. Bus service, while improving, is still inadequate, for instance.

3) Siting a "municipal" jail in unincorporated King County may hinder our ability to be annexed to local cities. Are we destined to suffer worse services as well as housing a jail, in perpetuity?

4) If this unincorporated site is selected, residents will demand improved police services in unincorporated King County. In an era of budget cuts at the county, how do you propose to accomplish this?

5) I am concerned about the potential impacts of a jail on local home values and resale potential. In this housing market, adding "conveniently nearby a jail" to home "for sale" flyers won't add marketability, no matter what your studies say.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Date:** 1/6/2009 12:07 PM  
**Subject:** NEC Jail/Aldercrest Annex  
**Attachments:** NEC Jail-Aldercrest Annex.pdf

Please see the attached letter regarding the proposed jail site at Aldercrest Annex in Shoreline. An original copy was also placed in today's mail.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

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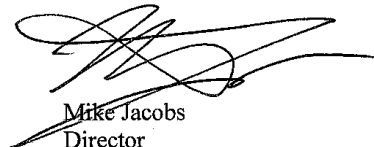
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Dear Diane Sugimura and Andy Ishizaki,

I would like to state that the Aldercrest location is NOT an appropriate location for the proposed new municipal jail for the following reasons:

1. The area is residential in nature...
2. The proximity of the proposed jail in regard to youth services and preschool currently sited near by should be strongly questioned
3. The street that Aldercrest is situated on currently does not have a lot traffic on it and the increase of traffic due to the jail would be a detriment to a residential neighborhood comprised mostly of single family homes, a small church building and youth services.

Respectfully yours,  
Barry Jay Palmquist

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**Date:** 1/8/2009 7:04 AM  
**Subject:** Traffic, noise and land use reasons NOT to site a jail a Aldercrest

**TRAFFIC:** Siting a 640 bed jail at Aldercrest would put untenable pressure on the already heavily overused state routes 104 (Ballinger Way) and 522 (Bothell Way) in an area with already insufficient access to public transportation. In the last three years, traffic on Ballinger Way has increased significantly, in part as a result of car commuters using this route to bypass other congested major routes. Driving conditions are over-crowded and sometimes dangerous for residents, now joined by many commuters from other areas. Family members of inmates and others needing access to visit the proposed jail would over-burden these routes and limited public transportation beyond function, and could also cause major problems on the narrow residential streets surrounding the site. These already over-burdened roads, the residential (non-commercial) area with few services for released inmates or visitors, and the lack of regular public transportation to and from the area will compromise current residents, visitors to inmates, released inmates, and inmates needing transportation to medical appointments and courts.

**NOISE:** Demolition, construction and the addition of 640 residents and related staff and visitors would inequitably increase noise for residents in the relatively quiet residential neighborhood where this site is located, and would trap residents of the densely populated multiple family apartment buildings on Ballinger and across the street from the Aldercrest site between two heavily used and noisy sites. As none of the other proposed sites is residential, this is an unnecessary and unfair burden to place on this residential area.

**LAND USE AND RELATED SOCIAL COSTS:** Aldercrest is the only residential site of the six proposed for the new jail. It is also adjacent to an actively functioning public school program, which alone makes it inappropriate in terms of land use. With 5 other options available, there is no reason to disrupt a residential neighborhood, to add the traffic related to 640 inmates to the area, to destroy a frequently used community space, to crowd the small remaining city park and wetland area with additional visitors and traffic and neighbors displaced by losing access to Aldercrest, or to vastly increase the density of an already dense urban neighborhood between Aldercrest and Ballinger. The Aldercrest site sits between a single-family residential area and a series of high density apartment complexes, some of them subsidized housing for low-income families. The traffic, noise, over-crowding of roads and limited public transportation, and increase in non-resident use of the area caused by adding a jail to an area of already dense population may also compromise efforts already underway to support low-income children and families.

Elizabeth Simmons-O'Neill

**From:** "The Mentzos" <mentzos@comcast.net>  
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**Date:** 1/8/2009 2:51 PM  
**Subject:** Jail

Are you still considering the Aldercrest Annex as potential jail slte? I hope so, as this would be a good source of jobs and revenue to the city, at time when monies are very tight.

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**From:** <mkparsek@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 1/8/2009 4:12 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Jail

I was unable to attend the meeting last night regarding the Shoreline sight for the proposed new jail.? However, I wanted to express my concern over the site.? This site is located in a residential area across from an existing school.? It seems a jail would be better suited to a more industrial or commercial area.? This is a very family oriented neighborhood area.? In addition the site borders existing residential houses and apartments.? I think the committee should take into consideration the impact on the existing neighborhood.? In this case the impact to families, children and schools would be significant.? I think the downtown Seattle site provides an area which would be more conducive to a jail.

Sincerely,  
Mary Kay Parsek

**From:** "Helen Allen" <hallen727@comcast.net>  
**To:** <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>  
**Date:** 1/8/2009 9:06 PM

I feel the committee needs to take us off the list of potential jail sites, sooner rather than later. We are talking about a facility of close to 700 beds and right in the middle of residential housing, schools and churches. How could this site even be in consideration? Pick a site away from neighborhoods or add on to the jails that already built. Why is this site even being considered when there is a lot of land out there that is not right in the middle of a neighborhood. What about our property values? If the jail ends up at this site then you are going to see a lot of people protesting their house taxes as their homes will certainly come down in value sitting around a jail site. Your responsibility is to the community first, the jail last. We have enjoyed a living in a small community and have felt safe living here but if the jail goes in, we will be looking to move, that is if we can sell our home with a jail just down the street.

**From:** "Mary Beutjer" <mbeutjer@msn.com>  
**To:** <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>  
**Date:** 1/9/2009 9:04 AM  
**Subject:** No to Interbay site for jail

The north Seattle Interbay site is surrounded by established Seattle residential neighborhoods, namely Queen Anne and Magnolia and very near Ballard and Belltown. Putting a jail smack dab in the middle of this area will lower the profile and safety of these neighborhoods. It will make the established homes of thousands of Seattleites less desirable. Our kids ride the city bus down 15th to go to Ballard High School. They shouldn't have to share that ride with the inmate population. Put the jail adjacent to the current jail or in a more industrial area where it will have less of a negative impact on surrounding homes. The 36th district that comprises Magnolia, Queen Anne, Ballard and Belltown has the highest concentration of voters in Washington state and the highest voter turnout. We are people that care about our community and try to make it better, a jail will degrade the quality of our neighborhoods and undercut those efforts.

How about using that area for affordable housing for low and middle income people and keeping the surrounding neighborhoods a desirable place to live while offering an opportunity to live in a nice area for those who otherwise might be priced out of it?  
Thanks,

Mary Beutjer  
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**From:** "Lisa Linville" <lklinville@comcast.net>  
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**Date:** 1/9/2009 1:36 PM  
**Subject:** NEC Municipal Jail Sites Environmental Review

Hi -

I just wanted to send a quick note with my comments regarding the Shoreline site. I feel that if this site was chosen it would greatly impact the residence of this community. I have two young children and live about 2 blocks from the site in Lake Forest Park and if a jail were to go in at the Shoreline site I would probably end up moving from the house that we currently own. A jail of any type should not be located in a residential neighborhood or close to schools. Choosing this site location is not putting the safety or piece of mind of the surrounding residence into consideration and I feel that it would be the downfall of Lake Forest Park and that area of Shoreline. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Lisa Linville

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**CC:** <tbirtley@aol.com>  
**Date:** 1/10/2009 1:21 PM  
**Subject:** Input on the scope of the EIS

I am writing to comment on the elements of the environment that will be affected by the siting of the Northeast Regional Jail Facility at the Shoreline location (2545 NE 200th Street, Shoreline, WA). I've addressed issues in the order in which they are presented in the Elements of the Environment document provided on the website at the following location: [http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/docs/Elements\\_of\\_the\\_Environment\\_Listing\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/docs/Elements_of_the_Environment_Listing_FINAL.pdf). I have commented on the sections I believe are related to the Shoreline location.

My husband and I have lived in the Ballinger neighborhood of Shoreline for 19 years. We welcome those writing the Environmental Impact Statement to contact us and visit our home, yard, and neighborhood which directly abut the proposed jail site location.

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Comments:

Topography – The topography of the site slopes toward the southeast, directing water runoff toward Bruggers Bog Park located directly across 25th Avenue NE. The Brugger's bog park includes a creek and wetland area. It is a small park, but one of the only parks in the northeast corner of Shoreline.

Air quality – I expect the air quality to be affected by the heating, laundry, medical and other facilities associated with the jail. Today, there are no adverse air quality effects based on the current use of the site.

Plants and animals –

The site contains numerous trees and bushes that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife. Our property is within 50 yards of the boundary of the jail site. In the last year, we have observed the following species of birds on our property. Many of these birds nest in the mature trees and bushes currently located on the proposed jail site:

· Pileated woodpecker

- . Stellar's jay
- . Chestnut backed chickadee
- . Black capped chickadee
- . Band-tailed pigeon
- . Rufous hummingbird
- . Downy woodpecker
- . Northern flicker
- . Violet green swallow
- . Barnswallow
- . Northwestern crow
- . Bushtit
- . Red breasted nuthatch
- . Bewick's wren
- . Golden crowned kinglet
- . American Robin
- . Common Yellowthroat
- . Spotted towhee
- . Fox sparrow
- . Song sparrow
- . Dark eyed Junco
- . Townsend's warbler
- . House finch
- . Pine siskin
- . House sparrow

During the summer, dozens of violet green and barn swallows swoop and feed on insects over the open space of the current soccer field.

Noise – The site is currently silent at night with no activity. During the day, the noise is minimal with the sounds of children playing soccer or enjoying recess. Expected noise relating to the jail would be traffic noise, arrival and departure of police with prisoners, arrival and departure of jail workers, lawyers, bail bondsmen, and others. In addition, there would be expected noise from visitors and their cars, alarms, gates, and additional significant noise around the clock based on the nature of the facility.

Relationship to existing land use plans, policies, and regulations – The Shoreline site is currently zoned as R6 residential and has housed a school for many years. The school was used as a site to house students when their “home” school was being renovated. In addition to the school with gymnasium on the site, there is a running track, grass soccer field, and two paved tennis courts. Longer term plans for the location included a possible off leash dog park and a potential site for an alternative education high school. The location of a jail here flies in the face of the current zoning, the current uses, and the planned uses.

Population and Housing – the Shoreline site is surrounded by single family homes and condominiums. The land around the jail site is fully built without green space or buffer zone between the jail and the surrounding neighborhood.

Light and Glare – today the site is dark with no activity at night. With the proposed jail, it is expected that light and glare would be present around the clock from both illuminated parking areas as well as the jail facility itself.

Aesthetics [Views] – from the top of the proposed Shoreline jail site, there is a view across a swath of neighborhoods and all the way to the highest point in Shoreline where the water tower is located. The entire site is visible from Ballinger Way (state highway 104) and all travelers on that road.

Transportation systems – the public transportation system currently serving the proposed Shoreline jail site is sparse. Bus service is infrequent. Two bus routes currently run on Ballinger Way: 331 and 342/ Each has approximately 39 minutes between buses along Ballinger Way,

Parking – very limited parking currently exists on the site, certainly not enough to serve the needs of a 640 bed facility.

Movement/circulation of people or goods – with the residential nature of the neighborhood surrounding the Shoreline jail site, there are many pedestrians, including children, who use the currently quiet streets to walk, skateboard, bicycle, and travel to school.

Traffic hazards – While I5 is nearby and Ballinger Way is a four lane road near the site of the jail, Ballinger Way becomes a windy, two lane road less than a mile from the proposed jail facility. The roads immediately adjacent to the Shoreline site are narrow two lane roads (with no center lines) that are inadequate to handle the expected volume of traffic from jail workers, police, visitors, inmates, etc.

Schools - There are at least four schools within a one mile radius of the proposed jail site:

- Living Wisdom School – a private elementary school directly across NE 200th Street from the proposed jail site
- Discovery School – an interlocal-agreement school serving Snohomish County, Northshore and Shoreline special needs students directly across NE 200th Street from the proposed jail site
- Lake Forest Park Montessori – located at the corner of Ballinger Way and 19th Avenue
- Lake Forest Park Elementary – located at the corner of Ballinger Way and NE 190th

In addition, there are numerous in home daycares in the immediate neighborhood which accept infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers as well as before and after school care for grade school students.



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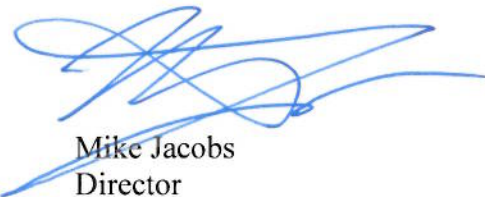
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