

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
for January 22, 2009**

Name: James Harvey

City: Shoreline

Greetings,

I am writing to you as one of many gravely concerned Shoreline residents about the Shoreline Aldercrest Annex as a proposed site for the new King County Jail. This is by far the most residential site selected, surrounded by quiet residential neighborhoods, schools, churches, and parks. This site is also the territorial view from the homes of many residents, especially those to the west of the site. It is a tranquil view now, turning it into a jail would not only decrease property values very much adversely affect quality of life for nearby residents. The territorial view was one of things that attracted me to buy my home on 23rd Ave NE in Shoreline. This is the same view for all residents on this street, as well as the nearby Lake Forest Park Condos, 25th Place Condos, and many other condo and apartment complexes. A document showing the current use of surrounding land for all proposed sites being considered in the EIS can be viewed at [http://www.noshorelinejail.org/files/jailsites\\_currentuse\\_comp.pdf](http://www.noshorelinejail.org/files/jailsites_currentuse_comp.pdf). One look should tell you why this site is not appropriate. The site is currently used for recreation by many nearby residents, for personal use and for organized sports. A far better alternative use for the land would be a park, a new school, or more housing. Keeping it a green space would be best for the neighborhood. I was appalled to see that the NEC EIS scoping does not consider Housing, Population, and Recreation important to their study. What could possibly more important than that in a residential community such as ours? The residents in the community need to be top priority, NOT what is easiest for the count and/or city to do to get construction under way somewhere. I understand that the land is currently ? oavailable? in the counties eyes, but that should not be a major deciding factor in this neighborhood. Additionally, Lake Forest Park residents and Mount Lake Terrace residents need their awareness raised regarding this issue. Send mass mailings to all of them. This has really flown under the radar in a lot of ways for a lot of neighborhood residents and is causing much frustration and distrust towards city and county officials. Please, get involved make sure that the jail is not built in our neighborhood. The industrial zoned sites are far more appropriate locations. Additionally, only 200 of the 640 beds are to for cities other than Seattle.

Sincerely,

James Harvey

Name: judith hill

City: Seattle

Seattle Neighborhood: Queen Anne

I am opposed to locating the jail at the Armory site. this is a highly populated residential neighborhood and is not an appropriate site for a jail. I suggest that the selected site be in a non-residential area.

Name: Sanaz Namdar

City: Bellevue

I would not be happy with this decision. I live in Bellevue and I would not be comfortable knowing that there is a jail down the road from my place.