

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
for January 30, 2009**

Name: Becky Hutfess

City: Kirkland

I am writing to implore you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 10 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

1. There is an elementary school and Junior High School within a mile of the site (John Muir Elementary, Kamiakan Jr. High)
2. There are several recreational facilities within 2 miles of the site used by hundreds of children daily: Sixty Acres soccer, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club. And Northwest Aerials is almost next door!
3. There is a river, regional park (Sammamish) and the Burke Gilman trail within 2 miles of the site. These are utilized by hundreds of residents daily.
4. There is a large and growing hospital complex (Evergreen) within 1.5 miles of the site containing a vulnerable population and traffic congestion is already a serious problem.
5. That area is a bottleneck for residential traffic to Kirkland, Woodinville and N Redmond, because access to those areas from the 405 corridor is limited.
6. That area is a narrow commercial corridor surrounded by residential areas.
7. That area is in unincorporated King county and therefore serviced by the sheriff. They are already stretched very thin by a limited budget and lots of area to cover. Pending further budget cuts will reduce their ability to adequately service that area even more.

Name: carol biefnes

City: Kirkland

Please no jail at Totem Lake. Too populated area with schools, daycares, etc. Thank you.

Name: Deborah Dahn-Fogg

City: Lake Forest Park

For starters, I am very offended by this whole process. The announcement was made on the news, and within two months?"two months that were over the HOLIDAYS!?"you?Tve had all the meetings that will stand for anything. The intent of these meetings was not made clear as to what they were supposed to do for us, and what was expected of us, until we were at the meetings!!! Then, you had us talk to a faceless camera, and at no time has it been made broadly public who the selection committee was that suggested the Aldercrest Annex as a proposed site!! They must be awfully proud of their selection that they want everyone to know who they are!!!! It?Ts like in first grade, when you take that first big test?"which one does not belong?--- let me think about thisthe one with all the little houses all around it, with the school, and the park

across streets from it; or the other five that have industrial complexes, and dirt lots, or freeways, and skyscrapers, or a jail for its neighbor!!!!I can't believe that anyone with half a brain would ever even have it cross their mind to suggest this site as a possibility. It is completely surrounded by a neighborhood, and they want to put a jail there!!! It's a school, for goodness sakes?"that's an ideal transformation if I've ever heard one!!!! I was at the meetings, and I think most of the arguments have been made against the wisdom of this choice. There's the environmental problems; the infrastructure problems; the transportation problems, and traffic, and cost of transporting all the criminals, their lawyers, and all the given personnel that will be required to sustain this institution, to this destination. But the biggest argument should be the societal problems it will cause in the neighborhood?"it will no longer be a neighborhood--- that is what we all have been trying to tell the faceless "choosers" of the site?"we will lose our community. That should end the environmental impact study right there in regards to this site. We are the only site area that has a historical and established area of residence! Of all the sites, the remaining five areas will still be the nonresidential areas that they are presently, with the nearest resident, at the least, across a four-lane street or freeway. Just to have a four-lane street come into existence at the Shoreline site would require residents losing homes and/or property to accommodate that happening. Of all the sites, ours would be the one MOST impacted "because you would directly take away our neighborhood, our neighbors, and our sense of neighborhood. Of all the things listed, this has to be the most valuable one, and ours would be the most intimately destroyed!!!!

Name: Jeff Jordan

City: Kirkland

I am absolutely against building a jail in Kirkland. I have chosen to both live in and build a business in this community because it has long been considered a safe place. It is a crime in itself to put a jail in our community. All of us who live here pay a premium for our properties and the associated taxes in order to live away from the crime and the jails. Do not put it in our back yard.

Name: Katherine Schwartz

City: Unincorporated King County

I'm a student at lake Washington technical college and am concerned about what having a jail would do for the school. Traffic there is bad enough. In addition, it is less likely we will be incorporated into the city of Kirkland, we already have one of the worse emergency response times. Putting it by the grahm steel building is also not ideal because of the number of people and schools in this area. It would be in a well traveled area and I simply think that it would be beneficial to put the building in a less developed location.

Thanks.

Name: Lisa Kobeck

City: Kirkland

I am opposed to the proposed jail site in Kingsgate. It is too large, will make incorporation of this area too difficult and is too near too many schools and hospital facilities without adequate public transportation for released prisoners to return to other areas after being released.

Name: Mark Johnson

City: Lake Forest Park

Kathy Van Olst, Director Designee for King County Dept. of Adult and Juvenile Detention in a letter to me has stated that they are responsible for public safety. Now if you decide to build a jail in Shoreline, an a residential neighborhood and bring increased interactions with people visiting the inmates and this results in muggings, harassment, drug dealing to our youth, etc. then you have negatively impacted the public safety which you say you are trying to protect. A huge contradiction. Safety of children and families is of utmost importance. You must use this as a criteria.