

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
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Name: Bradford Moores

City: Lake Forest Park

Neighborhood: N/A

The Aldercrest Annex/Old Kellog site is a terrible site for this facility. Why place this facility in a residential area? Ballinger Way is already overused and overcrowded; this would make it intolerable. I have occasion in my work to be at the downtown jail and I see each time the loitering of questionable folks outside the jail and the scenes and fights involving folks released and/or their friends or family members. This is not activity appropriate to a residential neighborhood. This facility should be placed in commercial or industrial use areas where it will not affect children or families and will not affect residential home values. The Aldercrest Annex now is a valuable community resource with significant open space which would be either lost or effectively rendered unusable by community groups, families and individuals by this project.

Name: Michelle Han

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

Re: Concerns and opposition to the potential use of Aldercrest Annex property as a jail site in Shoreline.

As parents and residents, we strongly oppose the potential use of the Aldercrest Annex property (2545 N.E. 200th St., Shoreline) to a 640-bed jail facility in the dense residential neighborhood in the city of Shoreline. We do not believe this site in Shoreline is appropriate to build a jail facility, because:

1. This site is located in the most residential area among all 6 proposed sites and is immediately adjacent to residential areas from four sides of it. On the NEC site selection page, it specifically states the factor guiding site identification: "Adjacent uses, with a preference for commercial/light industrial". Also, City of Seattle initially identified four possible candidate sites: two in north Seattle and two in south Seattle. According to the Seattle site analysis memorandum, Site A and Site D was eliminated because they are both immediately adjacent to residential area. The residential areas next to Aldercrest Annex property are much larger than both of them Site A and D, and thus, should never be considered as a candidate in the first place.
2. Many schools are located in less than 1 mile radius, i.e. Wonderland Development Center, Discovery School, Living Wisdom School, Lake Forest Park Elementary, Lake Forest Park Montessori School, Whizz Kids Academy, etc. Not to mention the large number of daycares & after-school programs.
3. Few steps across the street, Bruggers Bog Park is the only park (very small) in the area where kids and pets can access and play. The Ballinger neighborhood is currently very poorly served by City parks. None of the larger Community or Regional parks are within walking distance and even bicycle connections are non-existent due to the lack of safe bicycle routes to other parks, such as Hamlin which is 4-5 miles away.
4. Residents, children and pets need this site for recreational activities. The Aldercrest Annex

property is currently used by many people, including children, youth soccer teams, softball teams, joggers who use the 1/4 mile track; dogs & their owners and more.

5. Safety concerns. For example, school bus stops around the area to pick up and drop off kids - how to guarantee to keep our children safe - particularly if prisoner releases are done on that facility.

6. Dramatically increased traffic on narrow residential streets, sirens, noise?

7. Stormwater from the Aldercrest site drains into a small tributary to Lyon Creek that already experiences occasional flooding directly adjacent to the campus property. We understand the jail is needed for 5 cities. However, there are more appropriate sites in the candidates from all aspects compared to the site in this dense Shoreline residential area.

Regards,
Michelle Hans