

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
for December 11, 2008**

Name: Barbara Hensley

City: Lake Forest Park

It is completely absurd to build a jail in a residential area populated by many families with children walking to/from schools or school bus stops. The Ballinger homes are adjacent to the proposed site it would be detrimental to those families. The type of people being arrested/released would be a threat to our community. Prisons or jails should never be incorporated into residential areas. Property values would deteriorate.

Name: Cate DeJulio

City: Shoreline

I grew up in Shoreline just around the corner from the proposed jail site. My parents still live in the area, and I plan to return after I complete my graduate studies. I am very concerned about the impact that a jail at the Shoreline site would have on the surrounding community. The area is quiet and residential, and the anticipated increase of traffic, not to mention the safety of local citizens, is worrisome. Furthermore, the proposed location does not appear to meet two of the primary factors laid out in the site selection criteria: the surrounding area is residential, not commercial or light industrial, and the ease of access to court houses and other support services is not apparent. As a once and (I hope) future citizen of Shoreline, I would urge the county to reconsider the Shoreline location due to the great impact the addition of a 640 bed jail would have on the surrounding community.

Name: Chris Metzger

City: Shoreline

Why are you considering the site in Shoreline? I feel it is too close to the residents, and schools. There has to be a better place that does not mix criminals with residents, especially elementary schools.

Name: Deb Gilbertson

City: Lake Forest Park

I live in Lake Forest Park and I am very concerned about the proposal to build a jail at the Aldercrest site. I am concerned that property values will plummet, noise and traffic will increase to the community and likely problems associated with the ancillary businesses that will arrive in the area (Bail Bonds). Also the family and friends of inmates who will be in the area waiting for release. Inmates will be released from the jail to the community. I feel that a more centrally located jail makes more sense than building a jail on the Snohomish County border surrounded by housing. This area is heavily used by the community. Many children use the fields for soccer practice and playing. Family housing is too close for this to be considered a jail site. Please, please do not choose Aldercrest for a municipal jail.

Name: Douglas Taylor

City: Shoreline

NO WAY, DO NOT PUT A JAIL IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE IF WE WANT ONE OR NOT, NOT A COMMISSION. THIS WILL HARM THE WHOLE SURROUNDINGS, LIKE MORE TRAFFIC, ETC. WHERE ARE THE EPA STATEMENTS, ETC. THIS WILL BRING DOWN THE VALUE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. DOES THE COUNTY WANT TO PAY FOR ALL THE LAWSUITS THIS WILL BRING?

Name: Joanne Weller

City: Lake Forest Park

We live a few blocks from the proposed sight of the Aldercrest Annex for the regional municipal jail and are strongly against the location of the jail in this neighborhood. This Lake Forest Park/Shoreline neighborhood has always been a residential area where our children have attended school, played, and been safe. Bringing a 640 bed jail into our community would bring a substantial negative impact to our neighborhood. The increase in traffic with visitors and support for such a facility does not fit with this residential neighborhood. We have increased safety concerns for the residents of our community and we would be facing a decrease in the value of our homes. Please consider the extreme negative impact placing the new jail in our neighborhood would have and choose another location.

Name: Kenneth Howe

City: Shoreline

I disagree with the proposed site for a jail in Shoreline. I am familiar with the two Metro routes 331 and 358 that this location for the jail siting decision is based on. College students and school children are the predominate users of the 331 route. The connection to the east side involves a transfer to the 234 at Kenmore that is difficult to make. The 331 does not even carry schedules for the 234. The route I am most concerned with is the 358 that starts at the Aurora Village Transit Center. This bus route has had numerous problems with rider behavior. Unlike the downtown transit tunnel, no security personnel are assigned to Aurora Village. The 331 runs only on the half hour and riders are left to wait for it after they arrive on the 358. I have witnessed disputes in the shelters between smokers and non smokers in bad weather. The park and ride has had problems with car prowls and other felonies. I am concerned that this problem is only going to get worse because I believe the jail plan does not incorporate on site security at the Aurora Village Transit Center. The distance from the other cities in the eastern part of King County is also unrealistic. The Shoreline site which is on the north county line is just too far from other urban areas.

Name: Kristen Moreno

City: Kirkland

Placing the jail at the 13225 N.E. 126th Place site would be a very bad idea. There are many schools and community areas in the immediately surrounding area. Please place the jail in a site that is away from children and residential homes. It should go in an industrial or commercial area away from people's residences. It is simply not safe to have criminals posting bail and walking out of a jail into residential areas or areas where children are likely to be located.

Name: Wendy DiPeso

City: Shoreline

The site selected in Shoreline, a former elementary school site would be better suited if developed into mixed use. Shoreline is in dire need to expand its tax base as well as comply with the GMA. Developing the site into mixed use would help the City meet both those needs. The Shoreline School District had planned to sell that piece of property for much needed funds. This process creates an 18 month delay in their ability to sell. A site in downtown Seattle would be more cost effective. My assumption is that the largest population of offenders comes from Seattle, therefore it would save tax payer dollars (time and transportation costs) to locate the jail in Seattle. Thank you for holding an inclusive public process for dealing with this issue.