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**Subject:** Neighbors' Input on Proposed Madrona PLN 189708

Greetings.

We live in the Windsong Loop Neighborhood across from the proposed site for the Madrona school.

When I learned of the proposal in the fall, I emailed our comments, then we attended both public meetings in March.

I read the document that the Madrona school supplied after the last public meeting, and the information provided within serves only to compound our feeling that this development within a rural neighborhood is **WRONG** and would adversely affect not only immediate neighbors to the school, but countless folks who drive up and down Madison on their way to the ferry, to the various appropriately-placed (in high density or industrial neighborhoods) schools, and to work or on errands during school start and let-out times.

1. The grid that shows when these times are proves that indeed they conflict mightily with public school bus pick up at our neighborhood AND with the an important commute ferry time. The bottleneck at our neighborhood's only entrance/exit is untenable at these times. Any attempt to "amortize" the cluster over an hour or more is ridiculous, especially when dealing with firm start/departure times of the ferry and public schools.

2. Noise coming from the school (voices of scores of happy children using their "outdoor" voices at recess are NOT stress-relieving, as the Madrona parent contended). I work at the pool and deal on a daily basis with a lot of "happy children" on the swim team and come away stressed and with a headache. I can see that thought of having this next to the poor people who actually live close enough to hear the voices is crushing to them. They bought their homes in a rural neighborhood, raise their children, and planned to retire peacefully. They should not have to think about selling and moving because the city decided it would be OK to give a "conditional use permit" to a school **WITHOUT GIVING NEIGHBORS A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN BEFORE THE PROCESS GOT TOO FAR ALONG TO STOP.**

3. I know the "plan" is to forbid parking in our neighborhood. To do that would necessitate posting the ugly signs stating the rule, similar to the signs that are posted on the street behind Wilkes school. Those signs alone ruin the "rural" beauty of our neighborhood, where now you can drive in and focus on the barn and the mountains beyond.

4. I heard at the meeting that the "conditional use permit" means that IF things don't go as rosy as planned (parking/traffic, etc.), the permit could be rescinded, but with all the money involved in building the school/developing the property, I see that as a ridiculous and very unlikely scenario. So basically, all neighbors and people who live along North Madison are **SCREWED** if you proceed with this.

5. While I keep hoping there is a way to STOP this from proceeding, I feel the need to prepare for the worst (since that seems to be the situation the city has left all of us in). In that worst-case-scenario, I hope you take all our comments and place them within the conditions. I.e. no activities at night, no activities on the weekend, no

activities in the summer, all exiting traffic going north (though I'm betting we'll have to have a monitor out there videoing u-turns or turn-arounds in the Edelweiss neighborhood).

Truly, I hope you HEAR what we are all saying and STOP this.

And change the system so that neighbors of proposed conditional use developments are alerted early enough that they can voice their opinions before the process is so far along that it's a train that can't be stopped.

Respectfully,  
Megan Hawgood and Stephen Bucy