

To Mayor Simon Yu and Prince George city council,

I am writing this email in opposition to the proposed rezoning in the Twinberry drive neighbourhood. I have been told by council members who voted in favour of this development that socio economic status plays no factor in this decision nor does the fact that a trailer court beside our homes will reduce their home value. Rather that is a 'personal issue' and not a city issue, even though this personal issue does not exist currently, but will be manufactured by the city and city councillors voting in favour of this rezoning.

Instead I have been told to focus on the land use issues which I will list below:

1. The traffic increase this will bring will negatively impact the neighbourhood as currently the street is too narrow for the current volume of traffic. In the winter the snowbanks pile high enough that we are reduced to single lane traffic, increasing the amount of traffic will also greatly reduce the safety in the neighbourhood with the numerous children running around. As well we have a single exit to the highway, this will create concerns of larger volume of traffic trying to enter and exit the highway through the one exit.
2. The infrastructure in the neighbourhood is currently at capacity in terms of sewage outflow as anytime power is lost the city uses hydro vac trucks in order to remove it from the neighbourhood.
3. Schools and school busses in the area are at capacity, there is no room in the schools for the additional children this development will bring. We are unable now to get our kids on the bus leaving the neighbourhood. Spring wood elementary is turning kids away as they are over capacity, heather park is nearing capacity as well.
4. There is no public transit near the neighbourhood, adding additional residents to the area will all need to rely on their own form of transport using the highway and single exit, this will result in further congestion and safety issues with turning onto a busy highway
5. The current neighbourhood is filled with houses built 20years ago, all of which are required in covenants to have garages and maintain well kept front yards. A trailer court does not suit this neighbourhood at all as it does not fit with the current homes.
6. Current zoning allows for single family dwellings, similar houses to what is already built, this nobody in the neighbourhood has problems with. This will increase our home value not sink them like moving trailer next door. Again I was told do not focus on this, but reality is that's a glaring hole in this development. It will not benefit any tax paying citizen up there.
7. Last year Kidd Group attempted to rezone an area at the end of foothills for a similar development, it was declined by council based in the same reasoning as above. So my question to this would be, if that area which is similar is not suited for this development then why is it ok here?
8. The stretch of highway out front contains no street lights, and large amount of animals are hit out there each winter. By adding a higher volume of traffic it will

lead to increased motor vehicle accidents as well as putting more and more people at risk.

I look forward to hearing from all of you on your reasonings for moving this forward. And as well explanations for how it will fit in the current neighbourhood, how it's not going to degrade the safety of the neighbourhood, how the infrastructure is suited to support it, how public transport has access to the area, how it fits in with current housing and covenants laid out with current zoning.

Thanks

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