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Dear Mayor and City Council of PG,

I'm sending this email because this rezoning application is going to cause some concerns in regards to traffic, schools and noise to name a few.

Yes, my first reaction is our privacy, noise, immediately feeling the need to move etc but... it's also an area for wildlife. We often see bear, moose, coyotes and deer. We are taking away all avenues for these animals to move around. This is a safe path for animals to travel from the forest to the river.

You're going to take that away?!

It's difficult to get the city to approve building a higher garage on our street but a 4 story apartment will take away from green space, noise cancellation and wildlife habitats.

The infrastructure of College Heights Southridge area can't hold the number of people already moving into this community. We currently have 4 new apartment blocks within a 1 km span (do we need 6?) of Walmart. College Heights is already congested and traffic is getting worse. We regularly have difficulty getting out of the Save On parking lot and Walmart. I'm not sure that Southridge elementary can take any more students. I'm very concerned about more traffic as we've already seen an increase with the last 4 apartments. My understanding is that there are still apartments with empty suites. There is a huge lack of street appeal when you build BOX institutional looking buildings with no landscaping to make their buildings look like they fit into our residential communities. Box buildings with a parking lot and antlers and boxes and bikes on their balconies to use as storage. Take a look at the lack of landscaping and abundance of weeds around the apartment behind Walmart. How is this okay? The council needs to hold developers accountable for better "fit" in neighborhoods so that buildings are designed with an eye to aesthetics and landscaping rather than just fast completion.

Why isn't the city focusing on improving our downtown area? Research shows when there is normalcy in an area, there is less crime and fear of being downtown. An increased population density in the downtown area would be more effective than building in outer areas because of better transit access. There are areas that could be better developed instead of taking our green spaces. Please don't take down more trees and continue to make PG less green. Prince George can do better than this!

We sincerely hope you deny this application. Thanks for considering our concerns.

Brenda Anderson