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Hi there. I am emailing you on behalf of my family and as a mother to 4 young children new to the area living on Vista Ridge Drive.

We purchased a new home on this street as it is a quiet, safe area to raise our children and so that they may have a safe place to play. Since moving here, we have fallen in love with the community as well as our neighbours. It's so amazing to see so many young children playing and riding their bikes outside after such a long road with Covid-19. But I am very worried about the proposal of having so many more homes and multi family homes in the area. This street will be so busy and it won't be safe for our kids anymore. Our quiet street will become a wrap around racetrack for cars to zoom by them. I also noticed that at the top of Vista Ridge, there is a park and recreation area!!! This makes me so excited! I can imagine a beautiful little playground there and how many kids would benefit from it as Southridge Elementary is a 20 minute walk each way (I timed it from my home with my kids). A playground at the top of our hill would be way more accessible! But on the proposal, it's heartbreaking to see the plan is to develop to residential area and it leaves no area for a plan for a park of any kind. It's so disappointing that we live in such a beautiful area but I will have to drive my 4 children to play in another neighbourhood.

I'm also worried with all of this housing, how Southridge Elementary will be able to function. This many homes means so many more children. While it will be great for my kids to have play mates in the neighbourhood, I fear it will mean an extremely overcrowded school in a catchment area only school.

Please consider my family and all of the families with young children when you make your decisions about this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Brand

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