

I am sending this email with concerns regarding Rezoning case #11-C-20-RZ and Northwest County Sector Plan Amendment case #11-A-20-SP. I am a resident of this area, and I have serious concerns about the lack of current infrastructure along the N Campbell Station Rd corridor to support the proposed amendments; the lack of infrastructure presents several severe safety concerns. The road itself, N Campbell Station, is deteriorating in several areas, and is barely 2 lanes in some more heavily trafficked areas, with no shoulder to turn to if presented with a head-on collision.

I live near the intersection of Campbell Station Rd and Yarnell Rd, which has the reputation of being one of, if not, the most dangerous intersection in all of the Hardin Valley area. The accidents that my husband and myself have assisted with, very often being the first to make the call to First Responders, is staggering. We feel very fortunate that none of these accidents have resulted in a fatality. With increased traffic in this area, our biggest concern for that intersection is someone losing a loved one. The amount of traffic, the lack of enforced speed limit, and the misalignment of this intersection itself all contribute to the dangerousness of this intersection. The proposed Rezoning and Sector Plan Amendment will significantly increase the dangerousness of this intersection and road as it currently sits.

I haven't even mentioned the gross overcrowding of our schools, or the negative environmental impact all of these new developments are having on our area. Clear-cutting trees and lopping off the tops of our beautiful hills is having a negative impact of flooding and erosion to the surrounding properties, not to mention taking away the natural beauty of this area, and destroying habitats of local wildlife. To say our beautiful area is experiencing some major growing pains is an understatement.

I want to be clear in stating that I am not opposed to the growth in our area; the growth is inevitable. I just feel that the growth can happen smarter and with respect to the current residents and landscape. If funding is the issue, perhaps Knox County needs to consider increasing the Impact Fee charged to these developers so that our community and infrastructure can grow along with, or better yet before, these new developments, instead of trying to play a painful, dangerous, and frustrating game of catch-up after the fact.