

To Whom It May Concern:

I am vehemently opposed to the rezoning and apartment plan recently proposed. As others have mentioned, it will change the fiber of this long-established single-family neighborhood in every way. Significant increase in traffic, significant decrease in green-space, and a significant increase in residents.

My primary concern is the impact this development will have on the local school, Mount Olive Elementary, which is already impacted by the new development on Maryville Pike. Pushing a school beyond its capacity to hold more and more children while also pushing teachers beyond their capacity to teach bursting classrooms in a nightmare for parents, teachers, and children. Our children deserve better than a sardine can school system.

Additionally, the apartment complex will lay within Knox County School Transportation's "Parental Responsibility Zone" (PRZ), which means that any child who is zoned for Mount Olive will have to be driven to the school by their respective parents. This means an estimated 175+ cars going through the one lane tunnel FOUR times a day (to/from drop-off and then to/from pick-up). That is a nightmare, and will either cause KCS Transportation to amend their rules, which will set a precedent for the rest of the county, OR the County will have to completely redo Maloney Road, and the train tunnel, causing further misery and delays for community residents as well as the railroad, as well as the destruction of an old and historic rail tunnel, recently painted with a mural to reflect the school and community. (It should also be pointed out that the tunnel's clearance is too low for a school bus to pass through.....)

The Maloney Road neighborhood has long been a quiet, peaceful place to raise families and escape from the noise and congestion of the rest of Knoxville. South Knoxville has always been the quiet part of the city, away from the rampant development of East, West, and now Downtown/ Old City. Find another location, away from an established neighborhood, to build an apartment home, where additional traffic, noise, and people would not change the foundation of a community.

Very Respectfully,

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Maloney Road Resident