

Good Evening,

I would like the Knox County Planning commission to seriously consider denying this request. I am a recent transplant to the Knoxville/Corryton area. We chose these areas as we loved the small community and rural environment. The size of this subdivision would have a negative impact on the surrounding homes and communities. As these roads are narrow and currently back up during the commute times adding 600 (300 homes * 2 cars each) more cars could be disastrous.

My family recently moved from an area that was originally a small rural farm town. During our time living there we experienced unlimited growth eating up more and more of the surrounding farm land. Our once small town went from a population of 25,000 to almost 100,000 within 20 years. As the surrounding infrastructure has not been able to keep up, traffic, schools, police and fire have all suffered. The school that was down the street from my home went from one of the best in the city to barely meeting standards. Both car accidents and crime have skyrocketed.

How will this subdivision impact noise and lighting in the area. Currently, the area is extremely quiet, current residents can sit on their porch and listen to nature. Night skies are disappearing throughout this country. Many species of animals are having issues as it is no longer as dark as it once was. How much light pollution will this subdivision contribute. As an amateur astronomer the dark skies this area offers is fantastic.

Some things to be considered before this is built are:

Can the schools handle the additional 600+ children (300 homes * 2 children)?
Are there enough teachers, classrooms and supplies for the local school district?

Traffic: what will be done to mitigate traffic from backing up during commute and other times?

How will the subdivision impact both police and fire departments?

Would the developer consider doing lower impact housing? Example instead 300 homes, perhaps consider much larger lots (.5-1 acre).

Is the developer willing to invest in infrastructure outside of the subdivision?
Widen roads, add on to schools, etc.

Can there be a special tax district similar to what other states do, to pay for the needed infrastructure outside of the subdivision for roads, schools, police, and fire.