

Commissioners,

In regards to 4-M-22-RZ, I urge you to uphold our sector plan for Northeast Knox county and deny this request for rezoning and sector plan amendment.

There are countless reasons why this development does not and will not work for our community. This is prime farmland, which the sector plan repeatedly states should be preserved. We cannot get back or create more farmland once it has been taken away. The sector plan also mentions the need for conservation easements on land exactly like this.

This property is in the Rural Area of the growth plan which limits density in this location. Developing this land will not only negatively impact local wildlife which use this daily, but the current creek will need to be rerouted. I do not see any mention of a plan for this in the report. This farm still produces hay for animals as well. Life star has even used this location as a landing spot for emergencies since it was an airport/airstrip which is still currently register with the FAA.

Just because something can be done, does not mean that it should be. THIS is one of those times. This development is not in the best interest of our community, our citizens, the environment, or the wildlife.

The citizens of Gibbs depend and rely on you commissioners to make well-informed, well thought out and smart decisions. Reasons such as these are why sector plans are created with citizen input. They are designed to be a guide for the future...5 year, 10 year, 15 year. If we keep amending sector plans on a frequent basis, why did we create them in the first place if we have no intent to uphold them?

We currently have 4 approved but not yet begun developments in excess of 500+ homes. Have you considered how developing this property will negatively impact our roadways, our schools, and our already terrible traffic? We keep seeing agenda items approved without consideration of what is already coming. Do you have a plan to address this?

I politely ask that you uphold our sector plan, and to deny this application and keep it at what it is currently zoned for.

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