

Having been a proud resident of this neighborhood for over two decades, I feel compelled to express my vehement opposition to the proposed rezoning plan. While I understand the need for development in the area, the idea of rezoning for mid to high density simply does not align with the established integrity of our cherished neighborhood. Furthermore, our community is ill-equipped to sustain such a significant development.

Presently, we already contend with the repercussions of a city-approved dump that funnels an excessive amount of traffic through our streets via large trucks and construction trailers. The debris and trash that often spill from these vehicles onto residents' properties along this road have become an unwelcome and detrimental addition to our daily lives. On the opposite end of Delrose, a rock quarry introduces a continuous stream of large trucks and oversized vehicles, further exacerbating our traffic concerns.

Over the past five years, the surge in traffic has transformed Delrose into a shortcut for many East Knoxville residents, impacting the ease of commute for our community members. Compounding these issues, the area is officially designated as a bike trail, yet the escalating traffic has made it increasingly challenging for cyclists to enjoy this recreational activity safely.

Of particular concern is the proposed rezoning's proximity to the Wee Course, where nearly two-thirds of the land is dedicated to preserving its natural greenery and remaining untouched. Introducing a mid to high-density project in this vicinity contradicts the commitment to maintaining the area's integrity as a green space.

Our Delrose Drive community has thrived as a haven for single-family homes, fostering a unique environment that must be preserved. I implore decision-makers to consider the adverse impact of this rezoning proposal on our neighborhood's character and the quality of life for its residents. It is crucial that we uphold the commitment to maintaining Delrose as a single-family home environment.