

## Comments on File Number 11-I-24-RZ

As stated in previous comments, the traffic on Tazewell Pike has increased dramatically over the last 10 to 20 years because of continued development in this area. Until this traffic issue has been addressed, it is not in the best interest of Knox County to put more people at risk of accident and injury because of Tazewell Pike being inadequate for handling the current traffic, let alone adding more if this development is approved for up to 116 units of residence. At the very least, limiting the number of housing units to be developed on this property should be limited to 50 units or less. I live in Bradford Place which has 43 units on a similar sized tract of land. To repeat, however, the best plan of action is to correct the traffic issues on Tazewell Pike before adding any more vehicles to the equation.

In addition, it has been mentioned in previous comments that this property reportedly has springs and underground caverns. You have had one neighbor upload photos of how water pools on this property when we have sustained rain for a couple of days. The county should be sure of how this will be handled and how this water may impact other properties/neighborhoods and Tazewell Pike if a development were to happen on this property. Before living in Bradford Place, I lived in the Fountain Gate subdivision and the water issues at the entrance of Fountain Gate have been well documented. Again, it seems that the traffic and water issues related to Tazewell Pike need to be addressed before adding more housing units or vehicles.

Finally, I called and spoke with a very helpful representative at the Planning Commission. She encouraged me to contact the applicant for rezoning which I have done since receiving the postcard with the applicant's name and phone number. When calling the number on the postcard, it went to a message asking me to leave a message and gave me the names and numbers of two other people whom I could speak with. I left a voicemail message with my name and phone number at the original number and then called the two other people and left voicemail messages with my name and phone number. I left these messages 8 to 10 days ago and to date have not heard back from anyone related to this rezoning issue. The representative from the Planning Commission indicated when I spoke with her that rezoning applicants were encouraged to interact with the community, but it does not appear that this applicant is willing to share information with the neighbors of this property.

I and my neighbors surrounding this property appreciate your careful consideration of what is best and safest for all the residents of Knox County who live in this area.