

Opposition to Rezoning of 11-I-24-RZ

Dear Knox County Planning Commission,

I strongly oppose the rezoning of this property for several reasons. Having lived on Tazewell Pike for over 16 years, and in the Mont Rich'er subdivision for over five years, I have witnessed firsthand how Tazewell Pike has become an increasingly dangerous roadway. The infrastructure is sorely lacking to support the amount of traffic it endures every day.

The number of accidents on this stretch of Tazewell Pike has continued to rise, with no measures taken to address the issue. The location of this property is near a dangerous blind spot, making it difficult for existing residents to safely enter Tazewell Pike. This development will only exacerbate the problem.

Additional large developments, including an apartment complex almost directly across from this piece of land, have increased congestion to the point where it is regularly bumper to bumper at certain times of the day.

Water runoff is also a significant issue in this area, with flooding affecting Tazewell Pike even after a heavy rain. The potential for flooding to nearby Bradford Place that this development would bring is of grave concern.

Conditions like these cannot support the proposed development, and it would be a real detriment to the existing residents who live on or near this roadway.

Access to Stokely Lane, located in the Mont Rich'er subdivision, is mentioned in the proposal for future development. Routing traffic through a subdivision road is not a viable solution and should not be considered at any point.

I urge planning commission members to reject this development proposal. The risks and negative impacts far outweigh any potential benefits, and it is crucial to prioritize the safety and quality of life for those who already call this area home.