

On behalf of the Karns community members, neighbors and concerned citizens:

I am writing to strongly urge you to NOT VOTE on the REZONING of 3110 GRAY HENDRIX ROAD....this is adjacent to 7551 OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY. The property owner has engaged in a land-swap to allow for a possible development to be built there. We as community members and property owners OPPOSE the request for the zoning to change. It should stay the same with Agricultural Zoning. We do not want PLANNED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL.- leave it alone.

Our community cannot withstand the overwhelming population increase this will cause as well as the overcrowding of local schools. We already have these overcrowding issues and traffic issues.... Adding to this issue is not resolving it. In addition, our traffic on Oak Ridge Highway cannot handle adding additional traffic to the already heavy congested area. Nearby residents cannot get out of their driveways now and the morning and afternoon congestion backs up for over 2 miles or so every single day. Oak Ridge Highway has become very dangerous, we do not have safety measures for walkability (NO SIDEWALKS are available). Numerous individuals walk to school, the grocery store and other destinations.... .and some accidents with injuries have happened to pedestrians already.

I urge you to not allow for this vote of REZONING of this property. There are many more complaints that will also come with planning a development. This property has flooding, runoff for stormwater drainage, etc. There are natural spaces that need to also be preserved. In my opinion this does not align with the Growth Plan... maybe everyone wants to grow their areas... but this is NOT the place for growth. This is NOT the place for additional housing. There is more housing planned just down the road several blocks away and a couple miles away. WE DO NOT NEED IT HERE. Can you just imagine what this will look like behind a gas station that is already busy? You can't get turned onto Oak Ridge Highway now from there or the new Dollar General. It is Hell to get out any time of the day! This change and possible development will rip away our peaceful and tranquil environment as we know it.

The Oak Ridge Highway area has several planned projects for development .... and the traffic flow and congestion is very DANGEROUS! We are busting out at the seams, and we don't have the supportive roads, infrastructure, sewer connections.

If you pass this through, this is NOT preserving farmland.... This is totally ruining the landscape and disrupting natural wildlife areas. Our main roads and backroads cannot carry the already populated area.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE for the REZONING of the property!!! We urge you to keep it as is.