My name's Jeremiah - I am the owner of the ranch to the west of this development, and I've got serious concerns about this plan.

First, the 35-foot buffer zone the developer's offering is worthless-it's already undevelopable land, so it's no real sacrifice. I'm requesting a 100-foot buffer to create a wildlife corridor connecting the northeastern forest on my property to this development. This corridor is essential for animals like deer and turkeys moving between Hardin Valley and Connors Creek. Without it, we're cutting off their path and damaging the local ecosystem.

Second, leveling the ridge for just five extra houses is unacceptable. That ridge protects Flying A Ranch and nearby communities from urban sprawl and supports hundreds of mature trees where turkeys roost and wildlife thrives. Destroying it would ruin the natural corridor animals use to cross my land, causing permanent harm to the area's biodiversity for negligible gain.

Third, this development expands right into my usable fields for grazing and farming. The rest of my land is dense forest, so they're building up against my livestock-horses and cows. These animals can be wild and deadly; a single kick from a horse can kill a person. This poses a significant danger to future residents living so close to my animals.

Finally, placing 20 homes within 150 feet of my long-standing gun range is a safety issue. This range has been used for decades for agricultural and recreational purposes, fully compliant with Tennessee state law and local ordinances. Building homes that close puts future residents at risk.

I urge you to revise this plan. Expand the buffer to 100 feet, preserve the ridge and its trees, keep homes away from my gun range, and ensure this development doesn't encroach on my livestock fields. We need to respect the land, the animals, and the safety of everyone involved. Thank you for your time.