

I believe the proposed re-zoning is not well suited for this location on Heiskell Road and if it were to proceed, should only be approved after necessary infrastructure and safety improvements are completed. Adding new residences before addressing existing challenges raises significant safety concerns.

As a resident of Country Run, I observe the challenging conditions at this location daily. The limited visibility from the hill, combined with the speed of traffic and current volume, has created a concerning situation precisely where this development would add its entrance. While waiting to turn onto Heiskell from Country Run, I've witnessed many close calls this year.

The pedestrian safety issues are equally concerning. Heiskell Road completely lacks sidewalks, forcing anyone on foot to walk dangerously close to high-speed traffic. The same blind turns and hills that create driving hazards make it nearly impossible for pedestrians to be seen by approaching vehicles. This is particularly problematic considering the proposed multi-family housing, as residents of higher density housing typically walk more frequently than those in single-family homes.

Despite these hazards, the area has several destinations within walking distance that would naturally attract pedestrian traffic – Collier Nature Preserve, Kroger, and the Public Library. Without proper sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming measures, we would be placing new residents in unnecessary danger when they attempt to access these amenities on foot.

A new development will bring increased congestion, more pedestrians, and a higher risk of collision and injury to an already risky location. I am not opposed to increasing housing opportunities in this area, but I am opposed to building new developments without updated infrastructure and safety measures for both drivers and pedestrians.