

September 22, 2026

To the Knox County Planning Commission:

As regards **Case #10-G-26-RZ. 637 S. Gallaher View Road:**

My name is Andy Douglass. I was born in Knoxville in 1958.

My wife Veronica and I have resided at 8700 Raindrop Road for 31 years since moving to Knoxville in 1995.

We live very close to the site of proposed zoning use change and have invested a great deal of our lives here.

We have raised a family here. We have opened and now retired from medical practice here in Knoxville.

We currently have three grandsons who traverse these very woods from my son's home in nearby Woodbrook Park to visit their "Grammy" and "Pops" at the home where their dad was raised.

Our neighborhood is Cambridge Woods so named for the heavily forested areas surrounding the area.

Our backyard is frequented by wildlife. Deer and many small animals and birds are very common visitors here.

This provision of natural animal and bird habitat is part of what makes what is simply a house into a home desirable to live in.

The loss of the naturally wooded areas in question would undoubtedly raise noise levels from Gallaher View traffic as well as increase the traffic on this road where even now apartments are under construction at the intersection of South Gallagher View and Westland.

We are concerned that the proposed clearing of 7 acres on South Gallagher View Road for the purpose of being changed from agricultural use to multiple residential "dwelling units" is likely to alter the pleasantness and livability of our homes to those of us who like ourselves reside very nearby and have invested our lives here.

Our property value also could of course be adversely affected.

We request that the proposed zoning changes not be made.

We request that consideration instead be made of those current home and landowners residing nearby and their rights not be sacrificed for those looking to invest in land not just for profit to themselves but also to the potential detriment of those who have lived and made their homes here for many years.

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