

Dear Members of the Knox County Planning Commission,

As someone who lives directly across the street from 637 S. Gallaher View Road, I am writing to ask you to please vote NO on Case #10-G-26-RZ.

Every day, my neighbors and I navigate S. Gallaher View Road. It is narrow, winding, and already dangerous for drivers, school buses, and pedestrians. With the 27-lot development at 860 S. Gallaher View Road recently approved, hundreds of new daily trips are already heading our way.

Adding even more traffic from this site will push an already overburdened road past its breaking point. Beyond traffic, this specific piece of land simply isn't suited for dense development. The property is steep and heavily wooded. The mature trees currently prevent severe erosion, soak up rainwater, and buffer our neighborhood from noise. If those trees are cleared, surrounding homes will face serious stormwater and drainage issues. Additionally, high-voltage power lines cross the property; disturbing this steep land could compromise utility stability and safety during major storms.

This property is one of the last natural, wooded spaces left on our stretch of Gallaher View Road, serving as home to owls and other local wildlife. Once this forest is cleared, it cannot be replaced. Development should only happen where roads and land can safely support it.

Because this proposal poses clear threats to safety, drainage, utilities, and our neighborhood's character, I ask you to deny this rezoning request.

Thank you for listening to the voices of the residents who live here.

Sincerely,

Kelly Masengill Baker