

Berkhout, Keith

From: Bonnie Morrow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 10:08 AM
To: Berkhout, Keith
Subject: EX: Rezoning Petition #4612 - Opposition

Good Morning,

As a resident of Wildwood West for the last 17 years, I have witnessed a slow decline in what once was a quiet, peaceful neighborhood. After leaving our home of 24 years in Elgin, my husband and I decided to locate to an unincorporated area surrounded by homes on substantial acreage, across from a County Forest Preserve and nestled among open farm land. Since that time, we have seen several new businesses emerge and the addition of a large housing development. Change is eminent however there comes a time when residents should make their voices heard regarding matters that affect them directly especially when something like this rezoning petition has a negative impact on the residents around the intersection of Highland Ave and Coombs Rd. I do feel that rezoning the North West corner of Highland and Coombs is not a change for the better and for this reason, I oppose Zoning Petition #4612.

Aside from the numerous complaints raised by others posted to the website, I ask that you take into consideration some others. Increased traffic can be expected on both Highland and Coombs Road. Any additional volume in traffic will bring the need for more road repairs due to wear and tear as well as heightened safety issues for those using these roadways. With the recent improvements made to the bridge on Coombs and the removal of weight limits, a greater number of semi-trailer trucks and other vehicles are using this short stretch of road to avoid the congestion on Randall Road and Route 20. The design of Coombs Road is not conducive to a high volume of traffic nor use by large commercial vehicles. In the first ½ mile of Coombs north of Highland, there are numerous single family residences with drives exiting onto Coombs, 4 access points for subdivisions or multiple homes sharing a drive, a few businesses, and an access to a Forest Preserve. With two hills and several curves in the mix, it had become challenging for residents attempting to leave or access Coombs Road. There is insufficient distance to allow braking after cresting hills especially since most drivers disregard the speed limit signs and often pass regardless of the double yellow stripes. Adding larger longer vehicles to this equation only increases the probability that a serious accident could occur.

The expansion of a business that operates with the potential to pollute the environment via toxic fumes and hazardous materials is not something that I want to support. This area was labeled as a wetland in 2005 and is part of the Tyler Creek Water Shed which becomes part of a much large ecosystem of the Fox River. Extensive paving has a negative impact on the watershed not to mention, the pollution to the air and ground by chemicals used and disregarded. Instead of developing the land, it should be returned to its native state providing refuge for wildlife and local flora. The covenant specifically states that the land is to be zoned F1 farming which tells me that they too intended that the land should be restored and not industrialized.

I ask that you please consider the wishes of those impacted by this request for rezoning and deny the proposal to change it. Please note that I would have joined the Zoom Meetings however I have a commitment on Tuesday evenings at this time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bonnie Morrow
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Berkhout, Keith

From: BRIAN WELSH <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Berkhout, Keith
Subject: EX: Zoning Petition #4612,

Hello - I'm a resident in Highland Woods and I would like to voice my opinion that the new zoning request petition #4612 be denied due to the negative impact on the residents of Highland Woods and other communities nearby with the material dumping and truck traffic. The current petition filed is not accurately representing the area, nor the intent for the land, as dumping of materials has already started on the property. This truck repair business could have up to 25 semis parked there waiting for repair or waiting to be picked up. This is not something we should have in our residential community, thereby decreasing property values and property taxes and revenue for the county.

Thank you
Brian Welsh

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Berkhout, Keith

From: Donna Coomans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 9:37 AM
To: Berkhout, Keith
Cc: Todd Coomans
Subject: EX: We Appose Zoning Petition #4612

Mr. Berkhout,

We appose zoning petition #4612.

We are in opposition to the zoning change, as the proposed change will bring an increase in heavy truck traffic along Coombs Road and Highland Avenue. This will damage the roads and infrastructure in our area, as these roads were not built or designed to support the amount of proposed increase in heavy truck traffic. This will also bring an unacceptable amount of noise pollution, diesel fumes and raise safety concerns in to the middle of a mostly residential area, where we live. As already seen on this property, the owners haphazard discard of truck waste (aka oil, fuel, parts, tires, etc.) will further increase making the area even more of an eye sore and environmental disaster in progress. The property's wet land area flows into our aquifers, with the potential of polluting our wells. Furthermore the rezoning of this property for the purposes proposed will increase transient traffic in our area which will also bring an increase in crime and a decrease in safety to the residential areas surrounding this property.

All of the above mentioned problems and more that we have not mentioned would negatively impact the incumbent residents that surround this property. It will impact our safety, health, well being, and it will make the value of our properties plummet. It is in the best interests of your constituents that live around this property that the zoning not be changed for the proposed reasons.

Sincerely,

Donna Coomans
Jeffrey Todd Coomans
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]