

27 June 2023

To: Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, 3000 Pacific Avenue SE Suite 100, Olympia, WA 98501

Subject: Public Comment to Case # 2023102411, Aurora Oaks Planned Residential Development. Parcel 11701230700.

1. The purpose of this letter is to provide comment and concerns on the Aurora Oaks residential development proposed in your 9 June 2023 community notice.
2. My concern is not with the development itself but with mitigating the traffic affects for up to 180 new single-family homes in the development. This will probably result in 2 cars per home adding at least 360 new vehicles to the, already busy, traffic flow. Traffic mitigation measures must be developed simultaneously with the housing development – not sequentially – or – not at all.
3. I would propose the developer fund traffic mitigation measures to facilitate traffic flow and overall resident safety as part of the development. This should not be an afterthought, or a later year project funded by either the county or developer. The traffic mitigation and development expansion should be simultaneous, not sequential.
4. I am providing some concerns/issues and potential mitigation for County consideration:
  - a. Intersection Kagy Road and 58<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. There is very heavy traffic from the existing housing areas already. Adding 360 new vehicles will make this much more difficult with many more vehicles turning onto Kagy Road to get to Mullen Road which takes drivers to schools, Lacey, and Olympia. Potential solutions could be a roundabout, widening the intersection to account for left and right turns or installing stop signs.
  - b. Intersection of Kagy Road and Mullen Road. This is also a very heavy traffic area supporting an even larger area of existing housing. A left turn (West) from Kagy onto Mullen requires extreme caution today and this development will make it worse. This intersection facilitates drivers getting to schools, Lacey and Olympia. Speeds on Mullen Road, posted at 35MPH, are much higher. Potential solutions could be a roundabout, widening the intersection, speed bumps on Mullen to reduce speed at this intersection (and at the Mullen Road and Marvin Road intersection too) or installation of stop signs.
  - c. Intersection of 58<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Meridian. 58<sup>th</sup> Ave SE is a very narrow road, and the posted speed limit of 35 MPH is rarely followed. Adding 360 vehicles to this intersection and road – just one of two exits to schools, Lacey and Olympia (Kagy and Mullen is the other) will make this intersection far more dangerous. Cross traffic on Meridian is posted at 40 MPH which is also rarely followed. Potential solutions could be a roundabout, widening the intersection (much like Mullen Road and Meridian Road intersection), speed bumps on both 58<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Meridian, or installing stop signs.
5. Thank you for your consideration. My contact information is Steve Edwards, 5926 Winnwood Drive SE, Olympia, WA 98513. My email is [s.b.edwards913@gmail.com](mailto:s.b.edwards913@gmail.com). Phone is 913-306-0629. I would like to be added to future emails on this housing development.

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