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Hello Ms. Rusko,

Attached please find our comments regarding the proposed Garden Apartments to be located at SR530 NE and 59th Ave NE, Arlington, WA. For the record, we are opposed to the project as currently planned.

Sincerely,

Michael & Lynda Thomas
6510 210th Street NE
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December 17, 2024

Amy Rusko, Deputy Director
City of Arlington
Community & Economic Development Department
18204 59th Avenue NE
Arlington, WA 98223

Re: Arlington Garden Apartments, PLN #1263 and PLN# 1264

We oppose this development. It will degrade this community, removing us further from our small-town atmosphere. We are becoming a bedroom community, and it will just make traffic that much worse.

We expect that the bypass road along the creek, that the city has been planning to develop for years, to be incorporated into this plan. We expect the plans to include adequate parking for the number of residents and retail customers that are planned, instead of letting parking overflow onto the street. We expect that bus stops will be added to the site plan, since people will be working miles away from this location.

People should live closer to where they work. It makes better sense to relocate to an area with nearby grocery stores, businesses, schools, walking trails, city parks, and other amenities.

SR530 between Highway 9 and I-5 is already congested, and deliberately increasing the traffic in this area makes no sense. Already people trying to get back to Arlington after work are backed up on I-5, waiting to get to SR530. The Traffic Impact study indicates that this is already a high traffic accident area – why add more vehicles to the mix?

Please reconsider this development and ask that more thought be put into the plan so it better fits our community needs. Downsizing would be a good start, with a requirement that retail commercial space cannot be converted to residential units.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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