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Hi Amy,

I see the notice about a building proposal on Hwy 530/59th Ave NE. I'm concerned about multiple factors that do not seem to be included in the proposal.

Traffic: 216 new housing units will bring many cars. 13,500 square feet of retail will bring even more. Hwy 530 is almost at capacity presently--the new roundabouts help with traffic flow but don't mitigate congestion entirely. Deliberately adding more vehicles to the existing roads without making needful changes would be irresponsible.

Wetland: This plan includes "wetland viewing" but I didn't see anything about wetland protection. Portage Creek is a spawning stream, and the wetland area near the proposed site is a delicate thing that will suffer from pollution caused by construction, traffic, light, and the presence of 216 families + retail employees and customers immediately adjacent.

Social: 216 families will need schools for children. The city already has elderly school buildings surrounded by portables. It's counter-intuitive to think that there is capacity for more students without first investing in education infrastructure...which has not been done and (as far as I can tell) isn't going to happen soon.

I recognize that more affordable housing is needed in Arlington and Snohomish County. I'm not convinced that this is a good location--and I'm not convinced that the proposed project will provide *affordable* housing.

I'm interested to learn more, thank you for your attention.

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