

From: [Susan Walker](#)
To: [Lori Barlow](#)
Subject: Painted Hills Planned Residential Development
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Dear Ms Barlow,

The purpose of my correspondence is to express my opposition to the proposed painted Hills development located at what was formally the Painted Hills golf course. Whipple engineering projects an additional 5000 car trips per day from this development. I believe that is a low estimate. This congestion will not only negatively affect the environment, but also place school children in harm's way. There are three schools within five blocks of the proposed development, school traffic in the morning and afternoon is already heavily congested. Someone from the city of the Spokane Valley planning committee should drive a long Pines and 32nd on a school morning around 7:30 AM and witness for themselves the already terrible bottleneck, and that is without the new added population this development would bring. Congestion, impatient drivers, bicyclists, adult pedestrians, and school children are a recipe for disaster. Children as young as five are walking to and from school. Can we afford, through poor planning, to lose one child to an accident?

The proposed plan by the developer is to dump 330,000 cubic yards of fill dirt on those 99 + acres to bring the site above the flood plain and then build houses. Let's think about the 21,400 COMMERCIAL DUMP TRUCK loads of dirt, the congestion and the danger that would bring to our community.

We all know that every spring the old golf course is flooded during the snow melt off. Where is that water going to go? Would the Spokane Valley city planners actually let developers reroute water with the chance of other neighborhoods being flooded because of this? That water has to go somewhere! What does that do to the wildlife? We see eagles and moose not to mention hundreds of deer pass through that area daily. In the spring time the ducks and geese inhabit the floodwaters and raise their young there.

It's laughable that developer Brian Walker said that they will be fixing the flood problem, the school problem, slowing down traffic and creating a lot of jobs for our community. The only thing they want to create is money in their pockets. The elementary school, the junior high and high school are already overcrowded. The children from this development would have to be bused to other schools.

Please allow me to list my primary objections for your consideration:

Child safety

Adult pedestrian safety

Cyclists safety

Heavy traffic

Traffic directed onto Madison Road toward the schools

Stopped and Idling traffic contributing to climate change and pollution

Change and damage to natural and human environment

Rerouting water - which is a crime against nature

Thank you for your time.

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