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Lori Barlow

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Dear Ms. Barlow,

Please consider this response to the request for public comment regarding the Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed development of the former Painted Hills Golf Course.

We are concerned that this proposed development will significantly impact the surrounding area - both during the construction phase and more importantly, over the long term. The entire Spokane area is seeing significant growth and it is critical that this growth be managed in a manner that is responsible to both the current and the future residents. We have but one chance to 'get it right'. We feel that the reviews of these kind of developments are often focused on the benefits of those who seek to develop the project. Our belief is that the local government and agencies have an obligation, first to the existing residents and secondarily to those that would implement changes. We are not opposed to growth, but we are concerned that it is done with the proper perspective.

The Land Disturbance Permit Application and proposal for the development of the former golf course represents an extreme change to the land under development and the surrounding area. We believe it is unreasonable to change this natural area in the manner proposed. Over 300,000 cubic yards of infill will permanently change the land and remove what has been a seasonal wetlands. The process of bringing this material onto the site will be very disruptive to the current residents and users of the road system.

We are also wary of long term impact this proposed development will have on the surrounding infrastructure, including overcrowding in the schools, traffic safety, evacuation in the event of

events such as wildfire and increased expenses in improvements and on-going maintenance that the developer typically does not cover.

Thank you for soliciting public input on this proposed development. We hope that the current residents' voices are truly heard and considered as well as those who stand to benefit financially from this project.

Sincerely,

Dave & Teresa Simmons

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