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To: Planning Contact <PlanningContact@OLATHEKS.ORG>

Subject: Proposed development on Black Bob

Hello,

My name is Jared Anderson, and I wanted to submit a note on the proposed apartment development that is being considered for the plot across the street from the Yorkshire subdivision on Blackbob that is being considered this evening. It is my belief that the city would be erring egregiously by allowing this development to continue, not only for the obvious ecological ramifications, but also due in part to the fact that this development will do nothing to materially address the issue that is facing Olathe, as well as the rest of the nation at the moment: affordable housing. Directly to the north of this proposal are a number of luxury units priced in the range of \$400,000. This is to say nothing of the average price associated with homes in our community that are slowly becoming out of reach for most folks here. Our town is comprised of hard working, middle class individuals and families, and right now, they are being priced out of the market, and structures such as this, that offer no respite from the onslaught of ever rising prices, is the wrong approach at this point in time. I would hope that those on the commission recognize the need to commit to building housing in our community, so new graduates and people looking to move here actually have options to become homeowners, not just tenants in apartments whose rents are closing in on (or in some cases, surpassing), the costs of some mortgages. Additionally, there is another development that has been approved for where the former Indian Creek library stands, so I fail to see why the city would deem this project as being a further benefit to the city.

Please, please consider not voting for this proposal, and take further time to consider options that would allow developers to put actual homes on this land instead of (even more) luxury units that in the long term will do little for our citizens who see their dream of home ownership slip further out of their hands, and only further encourage a turnstile living arrangement for Olathe, wherein workers live primarily in apartments for a few years, and then leave for other areas where they can find permanent housing, instead of settling down here and becoming a long-term benefit to our economy *and* community. I know the city has somewhat of a predilection towards blindly approving such projects, but please, this is a large parcel of land, and it deserves a much more thoughtful approach for the long-term than what is being proposed here. Thank you for your time, and for any consideration that can be given.

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