

**From:** Kelley Dwyer

**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2016 11:29 AM

**To:** Leslie.Pool@austin.gov

**Cc:** Stephen.Adler@austintexas.gov; Houston, Ora; Renteria, Sabino; Zimmerman, Don; Troxclair, Ellen; Gallo, Sheri; Sirwaitis, Sherri;

**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2016-0023.SH

Dear Council Member Pool,

I am writing to register my opposition to C14-2016-0023.SH as a resident of your district and the Northwood Neighborhood (12703 Silver Creek Drive).

I am in favor of affordable housing options in Austin, but not at the expense of human safety and environmental damage.

The following are among my primary concerns:

1) Pedestrian and Motor Vehicle Safety Nightmare: with greatly increased traffic near the already congested MoPac frontage road and railroad line, where we have already had traffic deaths occur AND a complete lack of easy and safe access to transportation, grocery stores, restaurants, and bus stops. Do you really want people (including the elderly and children) trying to run across MoPac frontage roads and Parmer Lane?

2) This already is already a well-known flooding area. Why would you want to make that worse?

3) The danger to this sensitive environmental area and its flora and fauna is also well-known.

Affordable housing is important to Austin, but you can't just stick it anywhere. There are more appropriate areas where the safety of pedestrians, residents, commuters, and the environment are not threatened.

I respectfully request that you oppose this development.

Thank you,

Kelley Dwyer

**From:** Michele Evans

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:56 PM

**To:** Pool, Leslie

**Cc:** Sirwaitis, Sherri;

**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2016-0023.SH Elysium Park

My name is Lori Michele Evans and I live at 12930 Pegasus Street in the Northwood Neighborhood. I'm writing you today to express my opposition to the proposed housing development C14-2016-0023.SH Elysium Park. My back yard is on the property line of the proposed apartments. I have multiple concerns about this project including increased risk of flooding, access to public transportation and increased traffic near a dangerous railroad crossing.

**Flooding:** The water has gone over the street (Oak Creek) twice in recent years. Leading to one water rescue. When the developer removes the trees it will only increase this risk.

**Safety:** Getting to any type of business such as a grocery store, restaurant or even a bus stop requires walking along an unprotected sidewalk next to a high speed frontage road with an unprotected crossing. The location is also close to railroad tracks that are so close to the frontage road that only one car length can fit into the space. Leading to people stopping on the frontage road.

This site is not appropriate for multifamily housing.

**From:** Mary Ellen Scribner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:01 PM  
**To:** Leslie.Pool@austin.gov  
**Cc:** Sirwaitis, Sherri;  
**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2014-0023.SH Elysium Park

Dear Councilwoman Pool,

I am writing to make you aware of my opposition to the zoning changes that would allow an apartment complex to be constructed at one of two primary entrances to the three neighborhoods of Northwood, Preston Oaks, and McNeil Estates clustered together in the northwest quadrant of MOPAC and Parmer Lane. I am the original owner of my Northwood home (on Silver Creek Dr.) and have lived in it since 1981. Of course, much growth and tremendous changes have taken place in the intervening years. Each new house and subdivision has compounded the traffic woes of the residents in this compressed area. If a multifamily complex with exit and entrance on Oak Creek Dr. were to be squeezed into the space between Pegasus Street and the MOPAC service road, rush hours would become even more challenging—and less safe--than they already are. The thought of more cars, school buses, and service vehicles on our streets is overwhelming. In an earlier email I pointed out that all three exits from the three neighborhoods lead to Parmer Lane. If for any reason it is closed or blocked, we are trapped.

Please turn this proposal down so as not to aggravate an already over-capacity traffic situation.

Regards,

*Mary Ellen*

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Mary Ellen Scribner

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**From:** K Emerson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:44 PM  
**To:** Leslie.Pool@austin.gov  
**Cc:** Sirwaitis, Sherri;  
**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2016-0023.SH

Re:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed rezoning of 3400 & 3302 Oak Creek Drive.

My family and I moved to this neighborhood nine years ago, and we have come to learn that this neighborhood lacks basic necessary amenities. It is unwise to increase the population in this neighborhood without correcting the existing problems. Let me elaborate:

Sidewalks – The neighborhood lacks continuous sidewalks. It is difficult and unsafe to walk through the neighborhood because sidewalks abruptly stop altogether or are only on one side of the street.

1. Speeding - Traffic on Oak Creek Drive often exceeds the speed limit.
2. Accessibility – the neighborhood is hemmed in by high speed roads (Mopac and Parmer Lane).
  - a. Therefore, we are not able to safely walk to: a store, a school, a library, or a park. This situation is dangerous enough for adults, especially so for young children.
  - b. There are no bus lines within the neighborhood
  - c. There are no bike lanes within the neighborhood
3. Dangerous intersection – In my opinion, the most important reason apartments should not be allowed on this tract of land is the perilous conditions of the intersection of the Mopac frontage road and Oak Creek Drive. Since the MetroRail crossing is so close to Mopac, only two cars at most can pull off of Mopac to wait for the train to pass. Other cars are stopped on the frontage road. Let me repeat that: Cars are stopped on the frontage road! This is an extremely dangerous situation that needs to be remedied regardless of whether apartments are built or not. The potential for a high speed rear end collision should be remedied before there is a traffic fatality. Also, cars pulling out of the neighborhood onto Mopac sometimes have limited visibility due to the height of the grass beside the road.

To allow this land to be rezoned would be reckless and ill thought out. Yes, Austin needs affordable housing, but to allow apartments to be built in a neighborhood that is so ill designed would compound the problems that already exist and would be a disservice to the people you are trying to serve.

Sincerely,

Kitty Emerson

12900 Pegasus Street

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From: **Mike Parks**

Date: Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 7:51 AM

Subject: Opposed to C14-2016-0023.SH Elysium Park

To: [district7@austintexas.gov](mailto:district7@austintexas.gov)

Cc:

Dear Councilwoman Pool:

Please vote against rezoning this property. The increased traffic and increased flooding risk that would be caused by the proposed higher density development make this a bad idea.

Thanks and regards,

--C. M. Parks

**From:** Craig Ingram

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 2:04 PM

**To:** Gallo, Sheri; Sirwaitis, Sherri;  
**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2016-0023.SH

Dear Council Member Gallo,

My name is Craig Ingram and I live at 4509 Oak Creek Drive in the Northwood neighborhood.

I am writing to express my opposition to the zoning change to the property at 3300 Oak Creek Drive in the Northwood neighborhood.

The proposed site is next to Walnut Creek which floods during heavy rains. The added impervious cover created by such a development so close to the creek will potentially worsen the flooding not only on Oak Creek Drive, but downstream as well.

Northwood is a pocket neighborhood which currently has only two main entrances, one of which only allows southbound traffic out of the neighborhood. The other entrance, with the only traffic light, has a long line of cars exiting every morning. Both of these are residential streets and would not easily accommodate more vehicles that an apartment complex would produce. It would be a nightmare in the mornings and evenings as people travel to and from work and school. In addition, the proposed development is near the railroad tracks which poses more problems with increased traffic. Furthermore, there are no businesses within walking distance and no public transportation within walking distance.

The proposed development creates safety issues due to added traffic, the train (both to children who could be playing near the track and cars) and flooding.

The schools in this district are already overcrowded and another 47 home subdivision is currently being built in the Scofield area which will also be in this school district adding more children into these overcrowded schools. The potential for more children in the Oak Creek Drive development would only exacerbate the overcrowding problem.

Because of the above concerns, I am strongly opposed the proposed zoning change at this time.

Sincerely,  
Craig Ingram

**From:** Kathy Faltesek  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 11:13 AM  
**To:** Pool, Leslie; Sirwaitis, Sherri  
**Subject:** C14-2016-0023.SH

I am opposed to the C14-2016-0023.SH for the following reasons:

There is not any easy access to transportation or to grocery stores or shopping. This would be extremely dangerous for anyone to walk to any nearby shopping areas or to any medical facilities.

There is also danger of increased flooding in this area.

It would be a very dangerous situation with increased traffic patterns.

thanks you,

Kathy Faltesek

**From:** Lauren Geoffroy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 2:03 PM  
**To:** Pool, Leslie; Sirwaitis, Sherri  
**Subject:** Opposed to C14-2014-0023.SH

Hello,

I am writing in opposition to C14-2014-0023.SH. I have lived in this neighborhood for 6 years and am very concerned about this passing as this will lead to an increased flooding risk and dangers of increased traffic due to the location near the frontage road and railroad line.

This will also create a lack of easy access to grocery stores and transportation along with possible environmental issues.

Developers would have you believe that there will be less traffic than if it were zoned for medical (like the center at 3107 Oak Creek Dr.), but that's a flat out falsehood. There is little to no traffic caused by that center Fri-Sun due to limited hours on Friday and not being open on Sat/Sun.

I have attended several meetings in opposition of this and will be there to show my opposition AGAIN on Aug 4 and Aug 11 as will many in the neighborhood. Please do the right thing and stop this before it begins.

Sincerely,

Lauren Geoffroy