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Aloha Ms Donaldson

I am writing regarding the the proposed development in West Salem on Doakes Ferry Road?
I live on Landagard DR NE at 1881 Landaggard Dr Salem OR 97304.

We are in the process of moving here from Hawaii and purchased our home in November, 2022
No mention of this pending development was made during this purchase
Landaggard Street is the location of a rather old subdivision that might have been established when West Salem was independent.

It is a very quiet country like road with no side walks and a total of perhaps 40 houses. Many people moved here because it was a cul-de-sac and have children and dogs and walk on the road for exercise.

Allowing this street to be used for this large subdivision of renters, many who many be transient would infringe on the expectations of this subdivision and I think that the plan to rout traffic through this subdivision is unwise and if studied has not been well studied.

If there have been any traffic or environmental studies of using Landaggard please let me know and forward those studies if possible.

I do not know which constitutional rights are being violated here if any, but the right to privacy, enjoyment of our life in this quiet subdivision will be impaired severely.

It can be foreseen that many cars in a hurry will traverse this winding street with very poor sight lines and dump into Orchard heights road to go to school at the high school or go to work as Doakes Ferry road may be overloaded in the rush hour periods.

I would ask that this connection to Landaggard be restricted to pedestrian and bike traffic, but certainly not be open to construction vehicles until completion of that subdivision.

The street should be no more than twenty-five miles per hour and given the proximity to the school should be 20 mph during school hours.

If you choose to open this road speed bumps should be put into place and a traffic signal and revision of the intersection with Orchid Heights road should be designed and built before the connection is made.

As a retired emergency physician but also as a 4-term Hawaii State Legislator I would argue that pedestrian safety be addressed more carefully.. There will be undoubtedly many students of the high school that will be walking, biking, skateboarding or driving to school,
and without addressing that intersection with crossing guards there will undoubtedly be some tragic injuries or deaths.

There are many large trees along Landaggard that encroach on the road and hinder the sight lines which were not addressed in the tree variance but which will be affected nonetheless.

I became aware of this project only two days ago when I noticed a sign on the highway and this is only a fraction of my concerns although I did discuss this with a neighbor who is very concerned about her young child. She moved here because it was a quiet cul-de-sac.

Most of the driveways on this street do not have turnarounds and most people back onto the street and this will cause problems and unnecessary costs to the homeowners who may have to impinge on drain fields to revise their driveways.

As a former legislator, I am very aware of the problems of housing and houselessness but this project should not depend on Landaggard Drive for access.

I may submit more comments if I have the time.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,
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