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From: Joshua Nobleman

Sent: November 25, 2020 9:33 PM **To:** Public Hearings; Julie Galloway

Subject: Opportunity for Public Comment November 26, 2020 regarding 611 and 629 Speed Ave

Dear Council,

We are residents and owners at 630 Speed Avenue.

We oppose the Development Variance Permit Application No. 00243 that allows for additional parking for residents and visitors of the new Tresah development on the south side of Speed Avenue.

The fact that access for the underground parking of the Tresah Development is on Speed Avenue makes this proposal unsafe. We recommend that the developer move the access point to Frances Avenue. Perhaps this could be imposed as a condition of the variance permit?

Otherwise, this permit would worsen the existing traffic and parking issues on the north side of this congested cul de sac, on which there is already effectively one-way traffic for those needing to reach any of the three existing residential buildings. An ever-teeming KFC drive-through on the corner of the city's main highway blocks traffic for busses, bikes, cars and pedestrians. The combination is dangerous. I (Josh) have seen near-accidents and road rage here.

As an aside, can we provide these three existing residential buildings faster and safer cycling access to the galloping goose? Currently this involves either: walking the bicycle street up the sidewalk to Douglas, north to Alpha, and ducking behind a chain-link fence without signage through a narrow tunnel crowded with blackberry bushes; or lengthier and more indirect routes. Could a cycling path through the Tresah development ease access? If this city wants pedestrian-friendly urban design -- which I believe to be the city's rationale for the high-density permitted for this development-then the city should reduce traffic and make it easier for residents to cycle and to walk.

Regards,

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