

From: "Diane Brumble" <dianebrumble@comcast.net>
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Date: 1/30/2009 2:02 PM
Subject: NEC Municipal Jail

My husband and I attended the EIS scoping meeting on January 7, 2009, held in the Theater at Shoreline Community College. One of the handouts was a Scoping Comment Form in which we were invited to address a variety of issues. One of the items mentioned on the form that we could address via this format was alternatives.

What I am interpreting that to mean is alternative sites. The site selected in the City of Shoreline is in a residential neighborhood, bounded on three sides by residential homes. It is also located directly across the street from a school. This site is very remote from services such as public transportation. The bus service that is available is approximately 1/4 to 1/2 mile from the site and does not go to downtown Seattle. There is also a local stream that would be negatively impacted by any construction.

When I went to the above meeting and discovered the locations of the other potential sites, I was very shocked that the Shoreline site was even being considered. Our site is the only one that is residential and would be adversely impacted in that way. The Lake Forest Park/Shoreline area that would be impacted will not blindly accept that this jail might possibly be built in our area. There is a large group of residents that will band together to fight this with all of the resources we can. When you have other sites that are commercial, as well as being more centrally located, it is unfathomable to us why you would think that the Shoreline site is appropriate.

Thank you,

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Date: 1/30/2009 2:12 PM
Subject: Re: EIS Scoping - Kirkland, WA

Lmao. I'm in a meeting and people want to know what's so funny

On Jan 30, 2009, at 12:13 PM, Kristi Barnes <krisba05@noa.nintendo.com> wrote:

> Ms. Diane Sugimura,
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> It was brought to my attention during a HOA meeting last night that
> your group is seeking locations to build yet another municipal
> jail. It appears one of your prospective sites is in the city of
> Kirkland. I have many issues with this and without writing a
> dissertation on the subject (at least for now), please find a few
> objections for review below:
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> -> First and foremost, my husband and myself did not select our zip
> code just because. We carefully selected it based on the fact that
> it met our criteria of middle to upper middle class and all that
> goes along with that.
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> -> I do not pay an exorbitant amount of property tax each year so
> that I can have a community of convicts within miles of my home.
> Not to mention the undesirables that come along with visitation.
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> -> I do not want my 2 year old daughter exposed to such a vial
> situation and a potentially very dangerous community. I don't even
> want my dog exposed to this mess.
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> -> I do not want my property to lose value when I opt to sell.
> Which undoubtedly would happen. Will you buy my house at full
> market value once a jail is operational?
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> -> I do not want to hear police car sirens 24 hours a day in my
> residential neighborhood.
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> -> I do not want to live in fear of my family's safety or my own.
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> I could go on and on and on. I do want you to understand that I and
> everyone I know who reside in Kirkland will fight against this with
> such vigor, even a politician would be impressed.
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> I will also tell you, that this situation not only pushes me to
> obtain a concealed weapons permit, it is the per viable straw that
> broke the camels back.
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> <http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/>
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> Best regards,
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> Kristi Barnes
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> Kirkland, WA 98033 - a zip code that should remain prestigious.
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From: Lori Cuchetto <lcuchetto@yahoo.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 2:19 PM
Subject: Proposed Jail Site

"To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 19 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

1. There is an elementary school and Junior High School within a mile of the site (John Muir Elementary, Kamiakan Jr. High)
2. There are several recreational facilities within 2 miles of the site used by hundreds of children daily: Sixty Acres soccer, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club. And Northwest Aerials is almost next door!
3. There is a river, regional park (Sammamish) and the Burke Gilman trail within 2 miles of the site. These are utilized by hundreds of residents daily.
5. There is a large and growing hospital complex (Evergreen) within 1.5 miles of the site containing a vulnerable population and traffic congestion is already a serious problem.
4. That area is a bottleneck for residential traffic to Kirkland, Woodinville and N Redmond, because access to those areas from the 405 corridor is limited.
5. That area is a narrow commercial corridor surrounded by residential areas.
6. That area is in unincorporated King county and therefore serviced by the sheriff. They are already stretched very thin by a limited budget and lots of area to cover. Pending further budget cuts will reduce their ability to adequately service that area even more.

Thank you for your consideration
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Woodinville, WA 98077

From: Debbie Kellogg <kellogg.debbie@gmail.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 2:29 PM
Subject: Shoreline Municipal Jail Site

Although not discussed in any of the NEC materials, a large proportion of the King County jail population (regardless of their status as misdemeanants or felons) are mentally ill, substance abusers with a dual diagnosis or homeless. As a matter of fact, a great many of the mentally ill inmates are homeless as well. Additionally, Seattle will contribute the majority of the homeless and/or mentally ill inmate population. Seattle has developed a network of medical care, substance abuse treatment, group homes, half-way houses, adult day treatment, homeless shelters, emergency feeding programs, mental health court, outpatient psychiatric care, etc. that is otherwise unavailable in Shoreline. Therefore, Seattle should transfer its discharged inmates back to Seattle or develop the same services here in Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace -- it is not the responsibility of the nearby cities to take care of Seattle's problems.

From: D Kuhns <dgkuhns@yahoo.com>
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CC: <GSCAL99@aol.com>, iflk <iflk@yahoo.com>
Date: 1/30/2009 2:38 PM
Subject: Environmental Jail Site Negatives for the proposed Totem Lake/Kingsgate Jail Site
Attachments: IMPORTANT INFO RE: Jail Site-deadline for Comments due tomorrow (by Fri,Jan 30th) by 5PM

To whom it may concern:

During the past several years I have been on ad hoc committees and have been active regarding King County parks, environmental, and East Side transportation concerns. As a result, I feel well qualified to comment on the proposed King County Jail in the Totem Lake/North Kirkland area. In my opinion, it is a poor choice for a jail site for a number of reasons.

- 1) The proposed site is in a public transportation "no-man's" land. I fought for years to get bus service to the area; it still is practically non-existent near the site, and requires a walk of at least a mile or more to get to any bus transportation (other than peak commuter hours (6:30/8:30, 3:30/6:30) and that's ONLY if you are going to/from downtown.) To get to ANY place in King County during normal daylight hours requires a walk of several miles, several transfers, and a trip of several hours. (As an example, someone leaving from that area at 10 a.m. to go home to SeaTac would have to walk for at least 2 miles, catch 3 buses, and MIGHT be able to get to the SeaTac/Burien area by 3 or 4 p.m. The same holds true for people trying to REACH the jail to visit loved ones via bus. Someone discharge from the jail or leaving the jail after about 7 p.m. would not be able to get home at all via public transportation).
- 2) Traffic in that area is next to impossible to negotiate. Both the freeways, NE 124th, and Willows Road are always backed up, especially during the morning and evening commutes. There is (fortunately for people who live north of there) no good way to come in from the north part of King County to that area.
- 3) Police coverage in the area has always been an issue. Because it is an unincorporated area of King County, there is never enough coverage to match the population.
- 4) Because of the railroad near there, the terrible infrastructure (roads, etc), the movement/circulation of goods, spotty now, would be terrible with the additional traffic. In addition, that population typically requires a higher-than normal emergency vehicle use, either transporting to/from hospitals, OR police cars/emergency responders. If the traffic is backed up (which it frequently is), what are THEY going to do when there is no place to go?
- 5) The jail site sits on the edge of two of the most environmentally sensitive wetland areas in King County. The Sammamish Slough, to the east, drains from Lake Samamish into Lake Washington, but at that point has significant wetlands and farmlands which are protected by the Farmland Preservation Act. To the west is the Totem Lake marsh area, served by Juanita Creek. Either of those areas would be adversely impacted by this site's use, and any release of toxic or hazardous materials would have far-reaching ramifications.
- 6) The site itself is not appropriate from an environmental standpoint, and could open up the county for serious liabilities. For example, the site is on the site of the garbage collection agency. More importantly, Graham Steel and other manufacturing firms have had a long history in the area. The potential need for HazMat remediation, and its resulting costs, make this site a poor choice.

In addition, from the prisoners' and employees' health perspectives, putting the jail on this site, because of the potential HazMat dangers, is not a good choice.

Others will give their opinion on how the jail traffic will adversely impact the 5 schools, neighborhood and regional parks, and other family-oriented facilities in the area; I agree with their opinions. I just wanted to add mine about the environmental concerns I have regarding this site.

Sincerely,
Thank you!

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--- On Fri, 1/30/09, i k <iflk@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Subject: Fw: IMPORTANT INFO RE: Jail Site-deadline for Comments due tomorrow (by Fri,...
To: "Dave K" <dgkuhns@yahoo.com>, "sarah" <soccersmiley@cheerful.com>
Date: Friday, January 30, 2009, 11:55 AM

Please send a short email about how this will create more environmental problems for Totem Lake, use the Lake.
thanks,
ilene

--- On Fri, 1/30/09, GSCAL99@aol.com <GSCAL99@aol.com> wrote:

From: GSCAL99@aol.com <GSCAL99@aol.com>
Subject: IMPORTANT INFO RE: Jail Site-deadline for Comments due tomorrow (by Fri,...
To:
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From: martha armitage <captainpotato12@hotmail.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 2:41 PM
Subject: Scoping Comment from Laura Mescher, duplex owner at 20007 25th Ave.N.E., Shoreline

Dear EIC:A residential/school community such as the one surrounding Aldercrest Annex in Shoreline is a terrible place to put a jail. The most important criteria I can see in your scoping process are population/housing and water issues.POPULATION AND HOUSING/LAND USEMany children are at risk for their safety when your prisoners will be let out between 6 am all day until midnight. You are putting 4 schools within 1 mile of the jail at risk, as I'm sure they've told you: Lake Forest Park Elementary, the (special education) Discovery School, Lake Forest Park Montessori (preschool-6th grade plus their after school program for public school students, and the (private elementary) Living Wisdom School. I have lived here since 1993. Soccer teams play on the fields all season all fall long. The baseball diamond and tennis court are also constantly used. Children from the Seattle Housing Authority owned Ballinger Homes roam the area unsupervised constantly, particularly the preteens and teenagers. Every Fri. and Sat. night the YMCA and Shoreline Rec. Center hold a program for 12-17 year olds in the gym of the school right across from the jail. It is from 7 pm-11 pm. Even if you build a jail, the children will still be walking around the area because this is their tradition--it has been the area they played/hung out for the 16 years I've lived here. When they ride their skateboards dangerously, these children will not listen to me when I tell them I'm afraid of hitting them. They laugh at me. These kind of kids will hang out as close to the jail as the police allow. We have had a problem with a lot of "wanna be gangsters." Their teen music glorifies criminal behavior. They will look up to the prisoners as role models and probably not be afraid to encounter them as they are let out. Ballinger Home children do not need a prison and its population here to be role models for them. My friends at the Bosniak Community Center/Mosque next door to me said that they want to reach out to these children and help them. We need more aids to help these children like the Bosniak Center and the Fri/Sat night teen program, not prisoner role models to pull these kids downward.In addition to these populations, we have 3 apartment complexes, 3 condo complexes and many duplexes/4 plexes for multi family living immediately surrounding your proposed jail. We have not had time to take census of everyone because your agency was only required to let people within 500 feet of this jail know that it was being built. But your jail is going to change the neighborhood much further than just 500 feet from your proposed building.WaterIn addition to population and housing, the wetlands of this area is horrendous. My neighbors at the Bosniak Center spent over \$200,000 trying to get their land dry enough to build on. Ballinger Creek Condos keeps sandbags out constantly for flooding. If you build here, your jail probably won't flood because it will be at the top of the hill. But those of us downhill of you on either side--the same Ballinger Condos, the 4-plexes and especially the 3 apartment buildings and the garage of 25th Ave. Condos will flood. More concrete built on wetlands (the north side of the Aldercrest property is very swampy even in the summer) will wash more water downhill towards the apartment buildings. 25th Ave. N.E. has many home dwellers (renters and owners) who are foreign-born and don't read English well. I have tried to explain about the comment period and asked them to write a scoping comment. But most people wonder what is a scoping comment? You have been very successful in scaring people who barely write English away from the comment process by wrapping it up in government/legalese terms. (Congratulations!)I am disgusted at municipal government that you sprung this on the residents at the end of November/December holiday season when people are busy with their families and then held your only meetings during the snow season. Was that to help less people know about this? Icy roads prevented many people from coming to the meetings. Why didn't you reschedule these meetings? Why did you waste government (our taxpayer) money on a consulting group like the Keller Group? Why weren't you bold enough to present this jail info to us yourselves?Why didn't you go to the media and tell them to tell us about this scoping process in a public service announcement? Why didn't you make sure city governments had time to inform all their taxpayers in a letter? Only people 500 feet away have to be informed? How do you sleep at night knowing you don't inform and don't care about the neighborhoods this affects?My neighbors and I get to worry for a whole year whether you are going to make us 1 of 2 possible sites and then the jail site. Who came up with the idea of considering putting jails next to 4 schools, surrounded by apartment buildings and peoples' homes?????? Do you like fomenting hatred towards yourselves? I guess not.

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From: Debbie Kellogg <kellogg.debbie@gmail.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 3:02 PM
Subject: Fire Protection Shoreline Municipal Jail

Although the Northshore Fire Station #57 is approximately two miles away and is required to be the first responder under the automatic aid agreement with the City of Shoreline, this is unfair to the fire district cities of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park in the Northshore Fire District. Yes, Kenmore and Lake Forest Park are part of Northeast Cities, however, they contribute such a small fraction to the annual census of inmates that it creates an unfair burden to them that they did not have an opportunity to agree to in advance. By law fire departments must maintain service and minimum response times, their budgets are now constrained by property tax limitations that can only be circumvented by levy lifts. The City of Shoreline did not approach the Northshore Fire District for their input in making their siting recommendation, so they should make extreme mitigation efforts to reduce any burden to this district. And as the majority of the inmates will come from the City of Seattle, Seattle should support any new future taxes in perpetuity.

From: Julie Wago <jwago5@yahoo.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 3:12 PM
Subject: EIS Scoping

Dear Ms. Diane Sugimura,

I was recently made aware that your department is conducting an EIS for a new King County municipal jail. I understand that one of the sites under consideration is located in the city of Kirkland.

I wanted to share my concerns regarding this matter. I understand that today is the last day to present my thoughts in writing to your committee; had I had more notice, I would have prepared a much better (longer) statement, and gone so far as to organize a petition against this. Since I am unable to do so, please find my comments below:

As a single woman, I intentionally selected Kirkland as my place of residence because it provided me with a safe community in which to live. I feel this would no longer hold true, if you build that jail at the proposed location in Kirkland. I ask you, would you like to have a jail built within walking distance of your home, near your family, or your children?

I have also worked hard for my career and my home and pay a significant amount in annual property taxes. Payments, I may add that I pay in full and on-time. In this unstable economic time, I do not want the value of my property to suffer with the construction of a jail in my neighborhood. This will most definitely have a negative impact on me financially, as well as others in my community. Surely, you could look for alternative locations that are not in close proximity of private residences and schools.

Although I have shared with you only some of my concerns, I think that I've expressed myself clearly in this matter. Given the opportunity of time, I would have definitely provided you with a lot more information as I have not shared with you all that I wanted to say.

Diane, I ask that you allow me to enjoy the community and home that I have come to love, by allowing it to remain safe and "jail-free". Please make the right decision for the residents of Kirkland.

Regards,

Julie Wago

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Date: 1/30/2009 3:13 PM
Subject: NEC EIS Comments, Proposed Shoreline jail 01-30-09.

Dear Madam or Sir :

I understand the need for correctional facilities in which offenders who complete their sentences can be transitioned back into the community and be given the opportunity to become productive members of society. However, Shoreline is the wrong site for a jail.

I oppose the construction of a 640-bed, municipal jail at approximately 2545 NE 200th Street, in the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park vicinity.

Shoreline and Lake Forest Park police personnel and facilities are inadequate to assist correctional officers. If a detainee were to escape, I believe authorities would be unable to respond timely. Many residences exist near the proposed site. Detainees, regardless of the nature of their offenses, would present a direct threat to the security and safety of law-abiding taxpayers who live near the proposed jail site. Lake Forest Park Elementary School, 18500 37th N.E. Lake Forest Park, has 400 students from kindergarten through sixth-grade, and it is within several blocks of the proposed jail. Jails attract an unsavory element to any community. It does not make economic or sociological sense to open a criminal detention facility so near a gathering place for our community's most vulnerable populace.

Jails attract an unsavory element to any community. Upon release or furlough, former detainees loiter near jail sites, committing property and offenses against people. The location of a jail in my community would affect property values adversely. I do not want a jail near my home.

Bruggers Bog Park is the nearest open recreational area near my home. The park would be less safe for myself and my pet if a jail were to be opened near the park. Everyone, including Children, seniors, and other vulnerable residents, should be allowed to have in their community a safe, secure park. The building of a jail across the street is antithetical to this end.

Only two small bus lines serve the area, on 200th Street and on Ballinger Way Northeast. These feature small buses that would be unlikely to adequately serve the detainees and their visitors.

This proposed construction project should not be located in Shoreline. Instead, existing jail facilities could be annexed to provide additional space for detainees. Downtown Seattle should have available space in the SoHo area and southward. It does not make economic sense to build a facility, considering the global economic downturn, and a decrease in state and municipal revenues. New facilities mean hiring of new supervisory and correction personnel and support personnel. It would make more sense to hire more guards and support staff at existing facilities, obviating the need to hire more supervisors. Don't hire more wardens when you actually need more guards. Further, any budget constraints that would force the early release of offenders would fail to serve the community and turn Lake Forest Park and Shoreline into a high crime area. These risks are ill-advised.

Thank you for your kind attention. -- John Iki, 19230 Forest Park Drive NE, Unit G324; Lake Forest Park 98155.

From: <KariHall@aol.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 1/30/2009 3:28 PM
Subject: Urgent: Feedback to Jail Proposal in Totem Lake

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland.

Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 30 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

1. There is an elementary school and Junior High School within a mile of the site (John Muir Elementary, Kamiakan Jr. High). The threat of exposing children to dangerous situations increases dramatically when jails are placed this close. How would safety precautions be increased when they are cutting school funding?
2. There are several recreational facilities within 2 miles of the site used by hundreds of children daily: Sixty Acres soccer, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club and Northwest Aerials.
3. There is a river, regional park (Sammamish) and the Burke Gilman trail within 2 miles of the site. These are utilized by hundreds of residents daily.
5. There is a large and growing hospital complex (Evergreen) within 1.5 miles of the site containing a vulnerable population.
4. The traffic congestion in that area is already maxed out for all three cities surrounding - Kirkland, Woodinville and Redmond. How would this institution affect traffic - a study would need to take place for approval.
- 5 That area is in unincorporated King county and therefore serviced by the sheriff. They are already stretched very thin by a limited budget and lots of area to cover. Pending further budget cuts will reduce their ability to adequately service that area even more.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kari Hall

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From: "Silvana Barbieri" <silvana_glen@msn.com>
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Date: 1/30/2009 3:30 PM
Subject: Jail in Totem Lake Area

"To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 12 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your consideration, Silvana Barbieri

From: "Kendall Martin" <kmartin@martinzone.org>
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Date: 1/30/2009 3:37 PM
Subject: Oposition to proposed Kirkland / Unincorporated King county jail location

To Whom It May Concern,

I am another concerned resident who is adding my voice to that of others who have also submitted feedback for the proposed jail location in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. The points of concern expressed by others are equally valid for me, so I wanted to also voice my concern and opposition for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your consideration,

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Subject: NEC Jail EIS Scoping Comments

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January 29, 2009

Northeast Cities Municipal Jail Planning

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen of Lake Forest Park . I wish to comment on the proposed jail in Shoreline. I must note at this point that the site abuts Lake Forest Park and will have drastic and detrimental effects on my community.

I understand that the process has reached the point of determining the scope of an environmental impact statement. The impacts of building a jail at the Shoreline site are manifold. They have the potential to be devastating to the surrounding neighborhoods, schools, churches, community centers, roads, salmon bearing streams, and even the Lake Washington ecosystem.

Traditionally an EIS is thought of as a document related to air, water, ground, and related issues involved in construction and operations of a facility. I will address my concerns on these topics first. I have several other concerns about the broader environmental effects of this project. They will be discussed below.

The Shoreline site is a large property that currently consists of school buildings, (classrooms, offices, and gymnasium), parking lots, and many acres of athletic areas, (track, soccer/football field, baseball/softball diamond, tennis courts, open fields, and a large slope between the fields). This is the only open space of its kind in the immediate area. It is common knowledge that a stated goal of the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park , King County , and the State of Washington is preservation and expansion of green spaces in urban corridors. The construction of a jail on this land would, by definition, decrease the green space available to the people of the neighborhood, cities, county, and state. How will the NEC mitigate this loss of green space?

A reduction in open land and the corresponding increase in hard, water impervious surfaces will have immediate and ongoing effects on the surface water in the area. Anyone who is familiar with the area has seen that the lower part of the property is part of a former wetland. The park directly across the street is called Brugger's BOG Park . There is regular seepage of ground water through the asphalt pavement of 25 th Avenue NE near the entrance to the King County maintenance yard. This occurs right after rains and continues even during relatively dry times of the year. A cursory inspection of pavement conditions would show the effects of this process. The property abuts stream, currently enclosed in a culvert under 25 th Avenue, and there is a marsh/wetland at the intersection of 25 th Avenue and Ballinger Way . The stream has seen flooding issues for many years. The carrying capacity of the stream and every culvert in it all the way to Lake Washington would certainly have to be addressed before a jail could be built. The county experienced long and very expensive litigation involving a culvert failure, and subsequent property damage, at the former Shell station on the corner of Ballinger Way and NE 185 th Street . There are current legal actions regarding downstream flooding of several properties in Lake Forest Park . This stream is a habitat for many species of fish and other marine life. It is a historic salmon stream. The stated goals of the Department of Fish & Wildlife include returning

salmon runs to these streams. Any alteration in the volume and flow of water, both on the jail site and downstream, would have to be addressed at length in the EIS. The likelihood of costly legal hurdles and/or lawsuits would be hard to justify in these times of budgetary challenges. How will these major impacts be mitigated?

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Northeast Cities Municipal Jail Planning

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a concerned citizen of Lake Forest Park . I wish to comment on the proposed jail in Shoreline. I must note at this point that the site abuts Lake Forest Park and will have drastic and detrimental effects on my community.

I understand that the process has reached the point of determining the scope of an environmental impact statement. The impacts of building a jail at the Shoreline site are manifold. They have the potential to be devastating to the surrounding neighborhoods, schools, churches, community centers, roads, salmon bearing streams, and even the Lake Washington ecosystem.

Traditionally an EIS is thought of as a document related to air, water, ground, and related issues involved in construction and operations of a facility. I will address my concerns on these topics first. I have several other concerns about the broader environmental effects of this project. They will be discussed below.

The Shoreline site is a large property that currently consists of school buildings, (classrooms, offices, and gymnasium), parking lots, and many acres of athletic areas, (track, soccer/football field, baseball/softball diamond, tennis courts, open fields, and a large slope between the fields). This is the only open space of its kind in the immediate area. It is common knowledge that a stated goal of the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park , King County , and the State of Washington is preservation and expansion of green spaces in urban corridors. The construction of a jail on this land would, by definition, decrease the green space available to the people of the neighborhood, cities, county, and state. How will the NEC mitigate this loss of green space?

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Date: 2/2/2009 7:13 AM
Subject: Shoreline Jail site

Diane Sugimura Director of Department of Planning and Development/o Andy Ishizaki NEC Regional Municipal Jail DEIS700 Fifth Avenue, Sutie 5200 P.O. Box 94689 Seattle, WA 98124-4689

Dear Ms. Sugimura,

My name is Don LaCourse and I live at 19519 30th Ave NE , Shoreline, WA 98155.

I have attended all the public meeting that allowed our community residents to learn about and to offer comments about the proposed site at the old Aldercrest School site. I wish to reiterate my concerns for many environmental conditions that I believe will be impacted by the site.

These will include, but not be limited to the following;

Increased traffic and parking during construction and operation.

Excessive rain water run off and subsequent flooding concerns down stream.

Loss of recreational facilities for our children and future generations.

Loss of property values for hundreds of residents in this area.

Loss of a sense of community security.

The impact on the plants and wildlife in and around this site.

Increased noise, lighting, and litter from construction and operation.

Additional traffic congestion on residential and state roads.

Increased demand on police, medical, judicial, bail bonds, educational and social services in this area.

My list of concerns could go on for many pages.

I request this site be removed from consideration so that we can pursue more positive, community based options for this property.

Respectfully yours,

Don LaCourse

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From: "Amy Hamilton" <amy@mousetrap.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
Date: 2/2/2009 7:13 AM
Subject: No jail in Totem Lake

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you NOT to place a jail in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Although I recognize the difficulty you face in finding a suitable site, I do not think this is the best solution. As an area resident for 40 years, I am extremely concerned for the following reasons:

1. There is an elementary school and Junior High School within a mile of the site (John Muir Elementary, Kamiakan Jr. High)
2. There are several recreational facilities within 2 miles of the site used by hundreds of children daily: Sixty Acres soccer, Kirkland Boys and Girls Club. And Northwest Aerials is almost next door!
3. There is a river, regional park (Sammamish) and the Burke Gilman trail within 2 miles of the site. These are utilized by hundreds of residents daily.
5. There is a large and growing hospital complex (Evergreen) within 1.5 miles of the site containing a vulnerable population and traffic congestion is already a serious problem.
4. That area is a bottleneck for residential traffic to Kirkland, Woodinville and N Redmond, because access to those areas from the 405 corridor is limited.
5. That area is a narrow commercial corridor surrounded by residential areas.
6. That area is in unincorporated King county and therefore serviced by the sheriff. They are already stretched very thin by a limited budget and lots of area to cover. Pending further budget cuts will reduce their ability to adequately service that area even more.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amy Hamilton
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MunicipalJailSEPA - Jail in Shoreline opinion

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January 29, 2009

Northeast Cities Municipal Jail Planning

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Mr. Ishizaki:

I have two children enrolled in the Shoreline School District and it is the District's money that I would like to speak to in regards to the jail. The proposed site in Shoreline is School District property. This district is currently under Washington State supervision due to financial problems. This area is expected to experience a decline in school enrollment for many many years. This district already owns the required extra land they would need if enrollment were to increase. So this piece of land is something the school district could sell and ease the financial hardships.

I am angry that another governmental body is precluding the sale and or lease of this property with a dog and pony show. I've heard it said by many reliable sources that you don't really think there will ever be a jail here in the middle of a residential neighborhood. That makes sense because this is not a reasonable location for a jail. This is politics at its worst. And if going through the motions weren't a hardship on the school district, I may well roll my eyes and move on. But this whole "jail thing" precludes other buyers, renters, planners from stepping forward and making commitments that would ease the financial burden of the Shoreline School district and I hope, lead to a better education for every public school student in the Shoreline School district, including my kids.

I can't foresee the secession of events that would have to occur for a jail to be built on this site—maybe Martians landing. But let's just say the Martians come and a jail is built here. The property across the street is also Shoreline School property. It currently houses a public and a private school. A school would not be allowed to remain there in this quiet residential area and the property would make no sense for a school district now. And the buyers would be limited because of the neighboring jail, bringing the property value down

So no matter what happens this evaluation of the Shoreline site is costing my school district substantial sums of money at a time when finances are extremely tenuous. As a taxpayer, voter and Shoreline School District customer I'm angry that the governmental agencies are not paying enough attention to each other to avoid this expense. The city of Shoreline has made a grave error and has many things to answer for. As a King County Citizen I ask you to do what the city should have done and drop this property from your list NOW so we can get on with the education of our children. After all with a little more attention on the education of children, we may very well need fewer jails in the future.

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NEC Municipal Jail
Environmental Impact and Others Statement (EIS)

From: Conover Commons Community
To: NEC Regional Municipal Jail EIS (MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov)
Date: 01-30-2009

This is a response to the Unincorporated King County Jail Site. Our community is opposed to building the jail in our neighborhood. To learn more about us please visit <http://conovercommons.org/default.aspx>, or the developer's website at <http://www.cottagecompany.com/>

Here are some of the factors our household members raised.

Environmental Impact

There will be added noise and air pollution from the added traffic and necessary added bus service, added cleaning and disinfectants in the waste water, added use of electricity and with 640 beds there is no way to control how environmentally conscious each employee will be. The sewer system would also be taxed if this jail was built here.

Our community purchased 5 acres of protected wetland and native growth area which is less than .5 miles from the proposed jail. We wonder what impact the jail building than the increased traffic would have on the sensitive ecosystem we own and protect. Many of us visit and pick food from the organic South 47 farm <http://www.south47farm.com/>, we question the impact of proposed jail would have on the crops grown at the farm.

Social Impact

The proposed building site is close to homes, schools, businesses and parks. Families are out walking to and from and some children walk to school. Inmates are discharged at midnight which means they are out on the street either with no transportation or waiting to be picked up.

Many of our home owners voiced concern of general safety, and some of us would consider moving due to the increased crime in the area and traffic of jail residents and family and friends of inmates.

Some of our home owners moved here from Seattle to live in a safer neighborhood, and to escape the crime which would be in our backyard if the jail was built at the Unincorporated King County Site.

Our hope is also to continue with improvements of the Totem Lake Mall and to continue fostering recreational opportunities in our neighborhood with connection to Lake Sammamish bike trail and more trails built. With the jail present we worry that these improvements would not take place and the currently available recreational opportunities and walks to the park and playground would diminish.

Real Estate Impact

The presence of a jail in our neighborhood can't help but decrease our property values. Real Estate Agents will not be inclined to show homes in the area. No one will want to purchase a home if they know there is a jail down the street unless the home prices are drastically reduced which would then bring in a whole different caliber of people. Quality builders will not choose to build high-end, quality homes where the home buyer's neighbor is a jail. Businesses will suffer, eventually move, and there will be no draw for new businesses to move into the area unless it's a Bail Bonds company! The whole feel and reputation of the entire area will change for the worse.

We bought high end BuiltGreen 4-Star/Energy Star Certified with 5 acres of permanently preserved woodland at a premium price. If the jail was built at the Unincorporated King County site the value of our homes would drastically decrease.

From: "patrick (urban cheese records)" <patrick@urbanchese.com>
To: <MunicipalJailSEPA@Seattle.gov>
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Subject: Totem Lake location -- highly inappropriate!

I've been a proud resident of the Kingsgate neighborhood for 14 years now, and drive past the proposed jail site on my daily commute to Microsoft. When I first heard that there was a jail being considered for this area, I thought it must be much further out, down in the valley. Now that I know where it is being considered, I'm deeply concerned for the negative impact this will have on this neighborhood that has been my home for so many years.

I have two first-grade age kids who are in close proximity to that location on a regular basis. It deeply upsets me that there will be a jail so close to places to where my kids will go to school (Kamiakin), do sports programs (NW Aerials, 132nd/132nd park, soccer fields on Willows, etc) and play (e.g. Rainbow Play structures). I'm also very concerned about the possible negative impacts on an already fragile business community.

If the rationale for this site is that the city of Kirkland drives the need for additional facilities, then you should put this location in the city of Kirkland city limits. Don't penalize us who live in unincorporated King County, just because we don't have the political strength of a place like Kirkland or Bellevue. Don't make us your dumping ground for unpopular projects. We have pride in our area. And we vote.

Please. Don't take advantage of us.

Regards,

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Greetings,

My daughter - and in a few years my son - is attending Kamiakin Junior High School which is in easy walking distance from the proposed jail. She is one of hundreds of kids who spend after-school activities in the area, such as the park just up the windy road from the facility. The closest walking route from the proposed jail to the nearest bus stops and the Totem Lake transit center leads directly by this park. The proposed jail will attract a new kind of transient at-risk population. Placing the jail so close to this densely populated residential neighborhood is a tragedy waiting to happen. Who will guarantee the security of the children in this area. As you are aware, King County police is scarce, and Kirkland police will not patrol the area. Do we really need to wait until something goes terribly wrong with our kids, until we start analyzing how such a tragedy could have been avoided.

Act now. No jail in Kingsgate / Unincorporated King County.

Sincerely

Robert Redlich