

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>  
for November 20, 2008**

Name: None Given

City: Lake Forest Park

Neighborhood: N/A

The proposed site, 2545 NE 200th St., is in a mainly residential neighborhood approximately 3500ft from Lake Forest Park Elementary school. An industrial neighborhood would also be a common sense approach.

Name: Annie Tieu

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

The announcement today by the North/East Cities (NEC) municipal jail planning group identifying the Aldercrest Annex (also known as the Grace Cole Education Complex or Old Kellogg) site, 2545 NE 200th St., as a potential site for a 640bed regional misdemeanor jail facility causes serious concerns for the Shoreline School District. As a parent of Shoreline School District, I'm very concerned of this shocking announcement. Shoreline was known as the best place to live and the best school district to educate our children. I strongly disagree with the project as it will destroy the city and school reputation.

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

Please do not re-locate to Shoreline!

Name: David Ko

City: Unincorporated King County

Neighborhood: N/A

Don't put a jail in unincorporated King County. A regional jail will make annexation of Juanita/Kingsgate more difficult.

Name: Debra Gilbertson

City: Lake Forest Park

Neighborhood: N/A

It has come to my attention that there are plans to build a jail at the Aldercrest Annex. As a Lake Forest Park resident, this is a very serious concern. This neighborhood is filled with children and we use the fields all year round for soccer and many other family activities. Building a jail in this residential area is simply not appropriate. It is much too close to family homes and would take away an important recreational area. Please reconsider this option.

Sincerely,

Deb Gilbertson

Name: JAE CHUNG

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

I don't like to have jail in our city. Beside that we may need that site for kids for later on.

Name: jeff and Bev Stewart

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

You DO NOT put a jail or even a detention area in a family neighborhood. Even with having the space it is absolutely absurd to even have considered this and knowing that the school district is being blind sighted on having this site used for a Jail. If nothing else this site should be considered for a temporary site while Shorewood and Shorecrest are being renovated!!!! A jail?? ? WHO suggested this? You will NEVER be voted into any office in the future!

Name: Jim Roe

City: Seattle

Neighborhood: Montlake/Portage Bay

Every expert, every lawyer, every cop, every prosecutor, every judge, everyone who actually works with courts and prisoners knows that for jails (not prisons) you should be adjoining, next to attached, etc. to the COURTHOUSE. In this case the Jail Annex site is probably the best you can do. Geographic equality to use your phrase is silly the best site is the one that can serve the Courts because once in jail that is 90% of the activity. Again, that hole in the ground to the west of Seattle City Hall would be ideal (I assume the City still owns it). There is already a tunnel to the COUNTY Courthouse if that is necessary and a tunnel can be drilled to the subbasement of the SEATTLE CITY COURTHOUSE. With the bus tunnel and metro in Seattle such a site is IDEAL FOR WORK-RELEASE unlike Interbay or other "isolated" spots. Think long-term. The jail can be designed well not like the County screwup. Bear in mind the City's jail existed at that location for decades.

Name: Johyn & Jeanne Gray

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: Broadview/Bitter Lake

I learned today from the Shoreline School District that your organization is considering the Aldercrest Annex at 2545 NE 200th Street as a potential site for a 640bed regional misdemeanor jail facility. I believe it's fair to say that the main factor voters consider in deeming Shoreline the Best Neighborhood around is the school district, with its high parent involvement and subsequent low crime rate. Any discussion of using the Alderwood Annex for a jail site (albeit for misdemeanor offenses) needs to start with a forum for discussion with school board members, PTAs (many with participation near 100%), and other residents Shoreline. We brought our children here for the safe neighborhoods and are to be consulted if a major change in the social climate of our region is being considered. We're all for due process, and naturally the offenders do need a place to live, to ease overcrowding downtown. But let's talk. There must be better options on the table--places where children would not be placed at risk.

Name: Margie King  
City: Shoreline  
Neighborhood: N/A

I want to protest the siting of a 600+ bed jail in my neighborhood in Shoreline. This neighborhood was built around the school properties and you would be putting a jail facility in a an R6 residential area. There are many family homes abutting the property; there is a Montessori school and daycare within a mile of this site; Bruggers's Bog, a Shoreline City Park, is located right across the street from the proposed jail. I can't imagine why you would want to put over 600 prisoners into a family neighborhood. Surely you can find an industrial area or vacant land outside residential areas to locate your new jail. Interbay sounds like a perfect site.

Name: Marilyn Berry  
City: Seattle  
Neighborhood: Green Lake

It makes geographic and management sense to build a new jail next to an already existing jail, i.e downtown Seattle.

Name: Rhonda Okazaki  
City: Lake Forest Park  
Neighborhood: N/A

I am deeply concerned about the prospect of Aldercrest School being considered for a jail site. It is easily within reach of many families with young children as well as across the street from where my son, age 8, plays soccer. This is also within a few hundred feet of a lowincome multicultural housing complex with many families who don't speak English. This is a poor decision and I hope the Shoreline School Board and the Shoreline School community stands firm in rejecting a jail site so close to families with young children.

Name: Russ Pittman  
City: Shoreline  
Neighborhood: N/A

Potential Aldercrest Annex site and jail planning process...What are you thinking? This would be an absolute ridiculous place for this. Why was the school district not brought in to the consulting process?

Name: [Sandra Philbrook](#)

City: Shoreline

Neighborhood: N/A

I was just notified today, along with other parents of schoolage children, by the Shoreline School District about the potential plans to turn school property into a jail site. I have never heard anything so absurd in my life. What a contradiction! How this could ever be considered a reasonable decision is beyond me. The school's property, surplus or not, was originally intended to be a safehaven for children, not a potential hazard. The site, strategically placed at some point in time as a central location for school attendance by our children, is also an ideal location for potential miscreants including child predators and societal deviants. Surely, there must be a better alternative a more remote location that is not so densely populated. What happened to alternatives like Bear Creek, Monroe, Carnation, or similarly rural areas? Make it difficult for these offenders to reach others to offend. Don't place them right in the middle of easy targets ? "particularly, not within reach of our vulnerable children!!

Name: [Terry Williamson](#)

City: Lake Forest Park

Neighborhood: N/A

Outrageous that an old school and in a small community would consider a 600 plus bed jail. The ratio of crime to population in LFP does NOT support this idea!!!No way!

Name: [Vittorio Mangione](#)

City: Bellevue

Neighborhood: N/A

When the decision is made and a design is in the works, be sure to include the users of the facility (work force) to assist with the design. Too often buildings are designed without input from the everyday users and thus is not an efficient and/or safe operation. Also build from new and don't try to retro fit an existing building. Learn from mistakes made by other cities that retro fitting is more costly than it is to demolish and building new.