

Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm> for December 22, 2009

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Hello, Of the six proposed sites, Aldercrest Annex is by far the most inappropriate choice. It is located in an almost ENTIRELY residential neighborhood, 95% residential within a quarter mile. Many houses and apartments border the property. Several schools are in the immediate vicinity, Living Wisdom School, Wonderland Development Center, Discovery School, Lake Forest Park Elementary, Lake Forest Park Montessori, Whizz Kids Academy and several day cares and after school programs. Some are located directly across the street from the proposed jail site!

Furthermore, school buses pick up and drop off kids everyday along the site. The location is currently a valuable green space and recreational area, including soccer and baseball fields, a tennis court and a track that our community can not afford to lose. It is across the street from Brugger's Bog Park, the only small park in the area where children and families can play.

Increased traffic, sirens and noise will drastically affect the quiet neighborhood. Property values will plummet if you live nearby. Lower property values lead to less money for our schools, fire department, libraries and other essential services. Stormwater from the Aldercrest site drains in to a small tributary to Lyon Creek that already experiences occasional flooding.

Please DO NOT build a jail in our residential neighborhood.

Thank you.