



Gas station on 13th St

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Dear City of Camas Council Members,

We have lived at 20009 NE 14th St, directly across from the proposed gas station, since 2012. During this time traffic has increased, pedestrian crossing at that corner has become extremely hazardous. We were surprised by the enormous warehouse that is going up. We understood the development of the business park. We can not understand putting a gas station and convenience store at this intersection. Our property contains wetlands backing up to 13th St. We have not ever had the option of building near this part of our own property, why can the applicant build so close to these vulnerable wetlands and all the wildlife they contain? We have deer in our yard almost every day, we regularly see a coyote, an owl and all kinds of birds, frogs, snakes, rabbits and squirrels. The fumes from the gas station, the noise and the runoff that will inevitably end up here will change the habitat these animals have come to rely on. Trying to cross from our property back to the open space on Friberg will mean the deer have to walk through the gas station or through the hazardous intersection. High school students (and all drivers) will be at increased risk of hitting one of these deer.

In addition to these concerns I can't understand the need for another gas station in 2024. The world is increasingly moving towards using electric vehicles. We already have plenty of options for gas nearby. Eventually this will just be an empty eyesore sitting on the edge of this residential area. It will have changed the landscape irreversibly. No one else will want to redevelop it as it will require removing the gas tanks. The wildlife and residents world's will have been changed for no good reason.

Please do not permit this unnecessary gas station, car wash and convenience store.

Sincerely,
Keli Goertzen