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Community Planning Department, Attention: msutherland@cityofcamas.us

Regarding 18th Avenue Subdivision Proposed Developments

I am writing to express concerns about traffic congestion and safety for NW 16th Avenue, NW Hood, and NW 18th bordering the 2 proposed developments.

The 2 developments will add 22 and 34 homes will add congestion to NW Hood, NW 16th, and NW 18 Avenues.

- Currently, the curve connecting NW 16th Ave and NW Hood is very sharp and narrow. Cars and trucks heading up NW 16 Ave tend to cut over the yellow line creating a hazard for drivers heading south on NW Hood.
- Cars and trucks heading south on NW Hood entering the curve have a very tight right turn with a low dirt shoulder. There is no room to avoid vehicles heading up NW 16th Ave that are going over the line forcing traffic to stop until it is clear.
- The intersection of NW 18th Ave and NW Hood has through traffic on NW Hood from both directions and a no-stop right turn from NW Hood north onto NW 18th Ave. Westerly traffic on NW 18th Ave have a stop sign at the intersection. Currently, drivers on 18th Ave wanting to turn left or right onto NW Hood usually wait until northbound vehicles on NW Hood turn onto 18th Ave or go straight as some vehicles use turn signals and some do not. This is already a high-risk intersection, and the risk will increase with more traffic.
- Adding subdivision entrances onto NW 16th Ave, NW Hood, and NW 18th Ave will add congestion and safety issues due to traffic congestion and visibility on NW 18th due to it cresting above the proposed development where subdivision entrances may be installed.
- NW 16th Ave road conditions are abysmal. Heavy truck traffic has ruined the roadway. Patch repairs have been made, but do not last. Proposed developments will only worsen continuing damage to the roadways.
- Astor Street to NW 18th Ave, NW Hood joining NW 16th is the only downhill exit to Brady from the west side of Prune Hill. With the proposed developments, over 250 homes will have been added to Prune Hill that use this route or a route using Astor St, 11th Ave, and MacIntosh to reach Brady and then to East Vancouver. Increased traffic will increase traffic at the intersection of Macintosh and Brady where visibility is already a serious concern.

I trust the planning department will take these comments under consideration and identify appropriate remedies as the project proceeds through the planning process.

Sincerely,

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