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As a Deer Creek neighborhood homeowner and Prune Hill Elementary parent, I am vehemently opposed to the gas station and drive-thru components of the proposed Camas Station development. As anyone who has driven through this intersection during the morning and afternoon hours can attest, traffic is already extremely congested and creates a life-safety hazard for the many children who are required to walk to and from school due to being outside the school bus zone. Adding more vehicles and potentially lines to access the drive-thru to this dynamic seems beyond the bounds of common sense. Further, there is ample scientific evidence outlining the health hazards of 12 gas pumps being located in close proximity to both an elementary school and a heavily used sports park. The impact of elevated benzene exposure alone is cause for concern, not to mention the increased light pollution, noise, exhaust from idling vehicles in the drive-thru lanes, school-adjacent tobacco and alcohol sales, litter, and so on. A small retail development is reasonable for this corner, but a gas station and multiple drive-thru lanes are not. For the sake of Camas schools and city quality of life, please reconsider approving this project as it is currently defined.

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