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Tarik,

Thanks for your time on the phone today. What follows is a statement for the upcoming public hearing. I hope to attend in person but want to make sure my voice is heard regardless:

I would like to express my concerns about the rezoning of the land east of the Larkspur neighborhood.

This rezoning, taken to its logical conclusion: That the land will be developed into housing and thus effectively double the size of the Larkspur neighborhood, is a negative thing for residents such as myself. Therefore, I strongly oppose this rezoning for the following reasons:

1. Rezoning will likely lead to a loss of the undeveloped open space to the east. This is a beautiful resource for residents that offers a sense of connection to the environment and habitat for wildlife.
2. Rezoning will likely increase traffic throughout our neighborhood thus reducing quality of life and safety. All traffic accessing this area will have to pass through the existing neighborhood. This is especially relevant when considering turning onto and off of 27th street which is already problematic: There are no turn lanes or traffic lights on this two lane country road and any vehicle turning into Larkspur must slow down and hold up lots of traffic risking rear-end collisions. Exiting the neighborhood can be similarly problematic. Rezoning could effectively double the number of vehicles coming and going from Larkspur.
3. Rezoning will likely result in increased noise. Heavy construction in this area could continue for years.
4. All of these issues will ultimately lead to a reduced quality of life.

My partner and I chose to call Larkspur home because it is a quiet, safe, and semi-rural neighborhood with a high quality of life and easy access to the rest of Bend. These reasons are well-stated in the 2030 Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan for Rural Growth Management and I would like to remind the Board of Commissioners that it is their responsibility to:

“find the balance between protecting rural values and protecting property rights... people [have] expressed concern of the level of new development that has been allowed... Too much development can lead to the destruction of the qualities of life that bring people to Deschutes County.”

And that:

“Generally counties are directed to protect farms, forests, and other rural resources like wildlife while limiting new rural development.”

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Joshua Janes