



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

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Mr. Jamey Ayling  
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Re: Project Parke Creek Landing Planned Unit Development (PD-24-00002) Associated Plat (LP-24-00004) and SEPA (SE-25-00001)

Dear Mr. Ayling,

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Children, Youth and Families regarding the proposed Project Parke Creek Landing Planned Unit Development. Our department has maintained a long-standing presence in the area, operating a minimum-security community facility that provides rehabilitation services for boys between 12-17 years old.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on this development proposal. Our facility focuses on delivering therapeutic and trauma-informed care in an environment that supports young people's growth and rehabilitation. The proposed addition of 37 single-family homes aligns well with our mission, as positive community interactions are essential for our youth's successful reintegration into their home communities across Washington State. Some concerns we have around the area would be increased traffic, the wastewater management for treatment and disposal prevention with damage to local water sources. Also, what are the increased impacts to environmental factors, including wildlife? Sage brush as an example plays a significant role in the life of many bird species and it is not clear what mitigation measures have been or will be taken.

While we support the residential development aspect and welcome the planned RV storage area adjacent to our facility, we have significant concerns regarding the proposed Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) area. According to the current plans, this area would directly border our facility on two sides, potentially creating several challenges:

1. **Noise Impact:** The sound from off-road vehicles could significantly disrupt our therapeutic environment and daily programming.
2. **Air Quality:** During dry seasons, increased dust from vehicle activity could affect our facility's outdoor spaces.
3. **Operational Hours:** The timing of ORV activities could interfere with our youth's structured routines and rest periods.
4. **Light pollution:** The late hours of operation and increase of housing in this area would require the increase of excessive and artificial lighting, causing adverse effects and degrade environmental quality.

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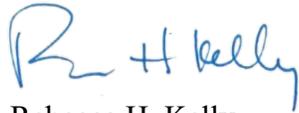
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We respectfully request consideration of these concerns in the final planning process. Perhaps modifications to the ORV area's location, operating hours, or the addition of robust noise and dust mitigation measures could help address these issues while still meeting the development's recreational goals.

We remain committed to being good neighbors and supporting community growth that benefits all residents. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further and work toward solutions that serve everyone's interests.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,



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