

Shawn Nickel

From: Doug Whitsett <dgwhitsett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Shawn Nickel
Subject: Regarding Willowbrook application for annexation May 9, 2023

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,
We would like to request that you not allow annexation of the proposed Willowbrook development as outlined in their most recent application.

The road situation for entrance into and out of Hillsdale is the most serious of the following reasons not to approve. There are pending multiple annexation attempts being undertaken by both the cities of Eagle AND Star for nearly the entirety (both sides) of Highway 16 between Beacon Light Road and the entrance to Dude DeWalt Winery. There are already thousands of cars per day travelling this stretch of highway and there literally are no appropriate and safe turn off areas for the level of traffic through the narrow stretch of two lane state highway in this two mile area. It is extremely dangerous at the present time and will be multiple times more dangerous if all of these annexations are approved before the highway is widened and lights put in. The latest in the Eagle Rodeo grounds which cannot be accessed without literally stopping traffic in one lane or the other to make the 90 degree turn into the area. Additionally, the winery, which is seeking application for annexation, has no safe access to its venue from Highway 16.

Further issues include thousands of more car trips per day (14,000) on the surrounding roads. Deep Canyon Road through Hillsdale is narrow and when cars are parked in front of the homes in the subdivision, there is often room for only one smaller vehicle to thread through the area. Large construction vehicles would have enormous difficulty maneuvering the roads as they exist presently.

The proposed annexation is in the middle of Hillsdale, not adjacent to, as has been reported. Hillsdale would completely surround the proposed development of the golf course and 1000 homes on less than 300 acres. It is unreasonable to impose commercial activities into an already existing HOA. How will the public access golf course, schools, and commercial buildings/sewage treatment plant comport with a 20 year old development of one acre homesites when it will reside WITHIN the HOA? It is truly an interstitial proposed development, not a separate nearby development.

The man who developed Hillsdale initially never intended to have a public golf course, buildings, schools, fire department, sewage treatment facility and high density housing in this area. It was thoughtfully developed and sold to homeowners as a ranch/farm type HOA, with horse barns, pastures, ponds, open spaces and a rural/semi-rural setting. Please don't let him ruin it by adding anything but home development on one acre minimum home lots. He wanted it this way, sold it this way, it was approved this way and he should not be allowed to ruin the HOA with commercial endeavors, other than homes built in the same manner, on one acre or larger lots, with open spaces.

This proposed development with golf course, high density housing, new roads, commercial applications is not in keeping with the surrounding and presently existing HOA approved. There is a great deal of open land for sale in the area that does not have existing homes, and that would not be disrupted for the next twenty years by constant commercial building. The homeowners who would have large trucks and construction equipment running 24/7 along Deep Canyon Road would be profoundly disturbed as there is often not 20 feet to their front doors (as there are no sidewalks, nor room for sidewalks). Children's bedrooms are next to these roads, which would have to be widened to accommodate the building traffic. It would be deleterious to their property values, with thousands of cars and the public moving through the existing HOA, daily.

Please do NOT approve the annexation to the city of Star for the proposed golf course, commercial entities, school(s), sewage facility, across from the equestrian facility and already existing homes which have strict HOA rules (which were

created by the same individual now wanting to create a new set of rules within the confines of the already existing HOA). There is room for a thousand homes over a thousand acres, on ONE ACRE homesites, but not with a golf course and everything else.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated and thank you for reading this submission.

Respectfully yours,
The Honorable Gail Hildreth Whitsett
(retired Oregon House of Representatives)
and
The Honorable Dr. Douglas K. Whitsett
(retired Oregon Senator)

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We just submitted an e-mail with comments for the City councilors and mayor and wish to add our address to the email:

The Whitsett's reside at: 6095 N. Hill Point Way, Star, Idaho 83669

Thank you