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Subject: Willowbrook Development

I strongly oppose the approval of the Willowbrook Development application, as it is proposed, based on the negative impact on the current residents of Hillsdale Estates. My biggest concerns include zoning, traffic and water and lifestyle.

We moved to Hillsdale from Meridian to escape the high density neighborhood housing. The 1 plus acre lots had great appeal as we saw our acreage in Meridian become surrounded by the high density neighborhoods of Paramount and Lochsa Falls. My concern about the zoning of Willowbrook is that they will back up smaller lots to the existing 1 plus acre lots. Willowbrook should be required to match the current zoning of R1 in areas adjacent to existing Hillsdale 1 acre lots and then back the smaller lots up to their own R1 lots.

Hillsdale roads are designed for low traffic with no curbs or gutters. Willowbrook's plan could add over 4000 homes and our simple rural roadways could not accommodate the increased traffic. The Willowbrook plan has a road coming out directly across the street from my driveway on Golden View Ct a dead end street. Potentially 300 cars would use this exit I would propose abandoning this exit road and rerouting the road through Willowbrook's development and exiting on a more traveled road. The impact on the people who ride bikes, push strollers and walk their dogs on our roads will be huge. We aren't built for this kind of traffic.

Water is an ongoing concern for all residents of Hillsdale, especially in our current state of drought. I read that Willowbrook states that the wells they would need to drill will not impact Hillsdale's wells as they say the aquifer can handle the additional wells. I worry as on my property in Meridian a well was drilled close to our property and the day they activated that new well our well failed. The owner of the new well was required to drill us a new well to make us whole but it was a huge ordeal. What insurance does Hillsdale have that if the Willowbrook wells cause them to fail that we will be made whole?

We enjoy a beautiful and peaceful lifestyle in Hillsdale and chose this area for those reasons. The Willowbrook Development has the opportunity to impact this lifestyle in a negative way. The proposal can be seen as a move to over-populate the area and would degrade the area we love and enjoy.

Development and change are facts of life and I hope that the City Council will work to keep the Hillsdale resident's concerns of zoning, traffic, water and lifestyle in mind when evaluating the impacts of the Willowbrook development. Willowbrook must be required to develop in a way that does as little damage to Hillsdale residents as possible.

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