

Re: 3BR Meatpacking Facility Application

Concerns:

1. Inadequate well provisions for applied project.
2. Complicated system of intersecting streams and ditches that outline the property and are part of a watershed that eventually empties into the Yakima River. The sewer system that will handle water from the project does not address the amounts of water that will be running through the actual septic system. This water may very well still contain noxious chemicals and other discharge that might eventually contaminate streams in the vicinity, the Yakima River and neighboring household wells.
We can see the force of nature as exhibited by this springs overflow on both Wilson Creek & Lyons Road, and this was not a very wet spring.
There has been a documented incident, in the county, when a swine farm contaminated a neighboring well. With the spring run off as seen this year and worse in prior years, it is very possible this could happen again.
3. Are current home sales in the area effected by the conditional permit in place requesting a meat packing plant? Is it currently the sellers responsibility to inform potential buyers of the status of this proposal? If a home is sold at this time and the sellers do not inform the buyers of this proposal, if the project is given the "go ahead" will the sellers be responsible for any possible damages to the buyers?
4. Despite the Ag5 designation, the county has allowed multiple lots of two acres or less in the immediate vicinity of this project. The projected numbers that are being submitted for this project will cause a drastic change in the quality of life experienced by all homeowners who believed they were locating into a rural residential area. Will these same homeowners have a decrease in their property taxes to reflect this change?
5. With all of the support being given by the Cattleman in our area is there no room for a property swap to an area that is less populated?
6. Has the county already given the go ahead with this project, despite inadequate information given in the original application, as indicated by the letter from Cory Wright on county letterhead? What does the same letter mean to the community in terms of our writing these letters and asking for public comment? Has this project already been OKed behind closed doors and this is all just an exercise in futility? Will our concerns be heard and given fair evaluation?
7. Would you want your ^{home}house within hundreds of feet of a slaughterhouse?

Thank you for your time and concern.

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