

March 7, 2023  
Kelly Bacon, Kittitas County Planner 1  
Community Development Services  
411 North Ruby Street  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: CU-23-00001  
Proposed Commercial Meat Packing Facility by 3BR Custom Cuts

To the Kittitas County Planner,

We are strongly opposed to the County granting a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed full service meat processing facility located at 3200 Wilson Creek Rd (#214534, Sec 29, T18, R19) by 3BR Custom Cuts. We live about a half mile from the location.

The proposed commercial facility is not compatible with AG 5, nor the surrounding homes. If the CUP were to be granted to 3BR Custom Cuts, the immense harm done to our property values and our quality of life would be paid for and suffered by us, next door to the slaughter operations daily. The County and the Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of the county ought to deny this request. Also, the county should work with the owners to find a suitable location in the county.

*AG 5 should be protected from this commercial intrusion.*

We support agriculture in this county, and one of us grew up here in a local farm family, raising cattle and growing timothy hay. We believe that a USDA certified slaughter facility would be a welcome addition in the county, but not close to existing residences. There are many other places in the county that would be suitable and favorable. This is the wrong location.

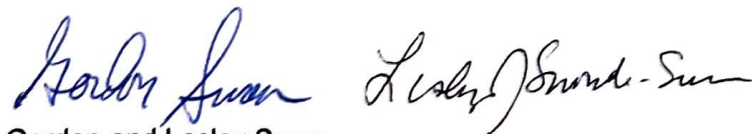
Here are just some of our concerns:

- The property is in AG 5 zoning; not compatible with a commercial slaughterhouse
- Risk to well water, surface water, runoff and flooding
- Noise pollution
- Air pollution
- This will set a PRECEDENT, allowing more commercial development in AG 5 zones.
- Large Scale of the proposed facility; Future expansion of this operation
- Central traffic hub for large cattle trucks, customers, employees, waste trucks;
- Likely all day everyday traffic increases on Wilson Creek, Lyons, Game Farm, Brick Mill Road

Regarding Cory Wright's 9/29/22 letter in support of this proposal, on Kittitas County Letterhead: Perhaps the commissioner should abstain from voting on this request, due to his preformed opinion.

**Please inform us in advance of the public hearing on permit request CU-23-00001**

Sincerely,



Gordon and Lesley Swan  
2611 Willowdale Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926  
CC: Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz, Brett Wachsmith