

May 11, 2023

Kelly Bacon

Planner 1

Kittitas County Community Development Services

411 N. Ruby St, Ste 2

Ellensburg, WA 98926

Regarding: Concerns regarding Conditional Use Application CU-23-00001

Dear Kelly Bacon,

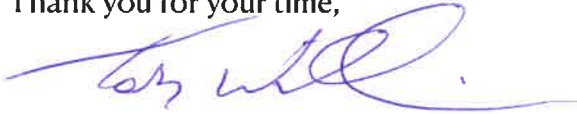
Thank you for your service for our county and taking the time to review any concerns or recommendations in regards to the proposed slaughter house by "3BR Custom Cuts".

I am a local real estate agent here in Ellensburg and have been for the past 12 years. I am also a locally grown Ellensburg native here for the past 47 years, along with my parents who have lived here since 1972. Our family has always owned small businesses in our community and support the entrepreneurial spirit of other local business owners as well. I understand that developing new businesses takes a lot of effort, planning, and hard work. I respect what the applicant for the slaughter house is trying to do, and agree that this is a business that could benefit our valley. I just don't agree with the location of the operation.

I have first hand experience of how this proposed business will effect the surrounding home owners. I recently listed an adjoining property for sale within the past month. We have had numerous buyers looking at the property with interest, but their interest immediately fades as they learn of the potential of this proposed slaughter house. Last week we had a buyer state that they would have made an offer on the property, but they are unwilling to submit the offer until they know that the slaughter house will not be approved. They were not the first potential buyer to state this, and won't be the last. Any competent real estate professional will tell you that this project will make the surrounding homes plummet in value and marketability.

Although I think that the proposed project is a potentially beneficial service for our valley, it is just not the appropriate location. There are specifically zoned areas for this type of operation that would be less impactful to residential communities. By approving this project in this location, KCDS and our commissioners will be portraying a lack of concern for those living in the area. Not only will their daily lives be effected by the odors, sounds, and potential contaminants, but their equity and market value of their homes will be impacted dramatically. From my first hand experience, this project is already having negative consequences in the immediate community.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Toby Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Toby Williams