From: Eduardo Hernandez
To: Nicole Lamp
Cc: Scott Orr; Brian Oh; Tennis Wick
Subject: RE: Siesta Senior Apartments
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:02:41 PM

Good morning Ms. Lamp,

Thank you for reaching out and providing comments to project application # PLP20-0020 for senior affordable housing near Sonoma.

The pertinent Use Permit UPE20-0035 for the closure of the existing Oaks Trailer Park was conditionally approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) earlier this year on June 25. The BZA hearing was noticed in accordance with State law, all members of the public were invited to join, and many participated sharing their questions and concerns. The conditional approval was given by the BZA upon review of the legally required mobile home park closure analysis and residents relocation plan, and additional exhibits and conversation.

Ten days ago I was at the site posting for the now continued DRC meeting for the preliminary design review of the new development. I was able to provide the residents with an additional letter with the status of this project, reminding them they are all qualified for different options of financial assistance from the developer and that they do not need to vacate anytime soon, as the developers need to provide them with a prior notice of 6 months minimum. Some residents mentioned to me they see some vacancies around, but they are not yet vacating as they are waiting for the new development to be approved and receive their financial assistance.

In regards to the new affordable housing development (under application # DRH20-0007), it is currently being reviewed by referred agencies, a Traffic Study among other documents are to be provided by the applicants, and once our Department and all other agencies concerns are resolved; the project will be considered for approval. As usual, you and the rest of the neighboring residents/property owners will be timely notified of the upcoming hearings for this project.

Thank you again for your comments, and do not hesitate to reach out should you have any other questions or comments.

Kind regards,

Eduardo Hernández
Sonoma County, Planner III
Direct line: 707.565.1735

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to keep our communities safe.

From: Tennis Wick <Tennis.Wick@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:28 AM
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Good Sunday, Ms. Lamp.

Staff and I will review the project and respond to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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On Nov 15, 2020, at 07:21, Nicole Lamp <nsl1960@gmail.com> wrote:

EXTERNAL

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

We are 22 year residents at 106 Madrid Way, Sonoma in the Mission Oaks neighborhood abutting Siesta Way.

We are writing you to submit our rejection of the proposed Siesta Senior Apartments at 171 Siesta Way, Sonoma.

Siesta Way is an extremely busy, narrow road and the only ingress and egress for all of the residents of Siesta Way (over 200 residences), the Mission Oaks neighborhood (52 residences), Fiesta Plaza and the Valero gas station. MANY times we have almost been hit while driving by people exiting the shopping center and the gas station.

At the beginning of Siesta, it starts out wide, but quickly narrows with only a sidewalk on one side. The street frequently floods due to run off from the nearby hillside. Siesta is also notoriously poorly maintained.

The idea of a three story, senior living facility in the middle of a dense neighborhood will only add to the existing problems. Especially with the increase of cars used by residents, staff and visitors.

The ingress and egress for this 92 apartment complex is inadequate.

The project is far too big and too dense. Not only that, a three story building will blight the existing skyline of the neighborhood. The scope and design does not fit with the surroundings.

We are also concerned about the displacement of the existing residents who are poor, working class families who rely on their current housing.

We reject this proposed project due to its density and negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Chuck and Nicole Lamp
106 Madrid Way
Sonoma, CA 95476

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