



87th Avenue adjacent to the intersection at 145th Street at around 4 p.m.

Unfortunately, because I have to pick up my son for school for 3 p.m., I was unable to capture a picture of this street at 3 p.m. However, if I had such a picture, it would be evident that the traffic is bumper to bumper, and in the neighborhood's present state, it is a safety concern for children in this community and in Parkview community who must cross the street to reach either St. Rose Junior High School or Laurier Park School. Any businesses placed in this immediate area would only lend to increase the traffic to this area and make things increasingly more dangerous for those children.



This image is meant to show the very limited space available for parking adjacent to the proposed rezoned development. Also of concern is that vehicles that would be parked there would limited the sight line for drivers on 87th Avenue to see children who are attempting to cross the street.



A broader view of the intersection of 87th Avenue and 145th Steet. I took this picture to help illustrate one of the challenges that this proposed rezoning will create. As is evident by this picture, drivers who are coming from 142nd Street would be required to make a left turn against the traffic without the benefit of an advanced green in order to get to this location. This creates two potential problems: One problem is that some drivers will attempt this during peak traffic times, which will inevitably increase the occurrence of accidents in this intersection, as well as make things more dangerous for the children who need to cross this busy intersection to get to and from their school. Another problem would be that some drivers might wish to avoid this difficult turn, and they would therefore continue through the traffic circle to continue onto 142nd Street and would therefore be driving by Laurier Heights School in order to reach this area to frequent this business. This is also potentially dangerous, as there is already a lot of traffic in this part of the neighborhood, given that there is already several businesses adjacent to Laurier Heights School, and an additional development for more business to be added to this area, which will also further increase the traffic there. In the time that I have lived in this community, I have seen many drivers speed through this area, and my concern is that with more drivers coming through this area, occurrences of careless driving would likely increase, and this would create a more

dangerous situation for the children of Laurier Heights School. As this school is an elementary/junior high school, many of the students are quite small and could be difficult to see, particularly at those busy traffic times of 8 – 9 a.m. and 3 – 4 p.m., when many parents are picking up or dropping off their children, and parking immediately on the side of the road to do so, and, in effect, creating limited sight lines for drivers who negotiate this area.