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Dear Madam:

RE: APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AMENDMENT: LOC2015-0102

1450 HARVEST HILLS DRIVE NE

EXISTING LUD – SPECIAL PURPOSE – RECREATION (S-R) DISTRICT

PROPOSED LUD – RESIDENTIAL (R-1), (R-2), (M-1), (M-Gd80), (S-CRI), (S-SPR)

I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Calgary and I am opposed to the redevelopment of the Harvest Hills Golf Course. Whether or not I play golf myself, I value this green space as it adds a peaceful natural area to the City. I value recreation areas in Calgary and I do not want these areas developed for more housing. I am opposed to the redevelopment for the following reasons:

1. This designated recreation space is important to me and I do not want to live in a city where every available space is developed for housing. I am aware that golf is the sport most widely played by adults in Canada and it is important to keep public access to recreation for the health and welfare of Calgarians. I am concerned about the additional strain of more people on our already limited recreation facilities even while one major recreation area is being removed.

2. I am concerned about the railway track switching yard and dangerous goods route as I believe housing close to this area presents potential danger to the community. To my knowledge, the following chemicals are shipped through that dangerous goods corridor: acids, benzene, propylene, propane, butane, anhydrous ammonia, oils, distillates, jet fuel and chlorine. All of these could cause great harm if there was an incident and many of them are too dangerous to be shipped on our highways for this reason. I believe that having the golf as a buffer zone is beneficial to the community.

3. The only elementary school and the only high school in the area are already at capacity. It would be more beneficial for development to take place in communities that have schools with room for more students.

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4. I am concerned about the additional strain of more people on the limited medical clinics and doctors in the area. There is no emergency medical facility in this area.

5. I am concerned about the additional strain of more people on the roadways in our area as there is already congestion during rush hour, particularly during the winter, and around the only shopping area in the community;

6. I am concerned about the lack of connection to the LRT system and our transit being overloaded at present. I am aware that many Airdrie residents drive to our bus lines and park in the parking lots, taking up space for Calgary residents. During rush hour, it can be a lengthy wait to find a bus with space.

7. I am concerned that there are stormwater dry ponds located in the redevelopment area and there is potential for flooding if housing is built there;

8. I am concerned that the same architectural controls for our community will not be adhered to in the new housing;

9. I am concerned that the mature established trees in this fully developed community will be cut down for the development and replaced with immature small trees;

10. I am concerned with the loss of the wildlife habitat currently in the golf course;

11. I am concerned about the loss of green space in a city which is renowned for its green space and I do not want to live in an urban jungle; and

12. I have chosen to live in a suburban community in order to participate in a lifestyle which includes walking outside, children playing outside and space in which to have a backyard. I do not want to have to move further from the core in order to have these things.

I ask that you consider my submissions carefully and that you recommend against approval of this proposed land use designation. I do not consider this redevelopment to be a benefit to my community and believe it will detract from the City of Calgary as a whole.

Sincerely,

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