My name is Steven Perotti and I live at along with my wife and two children. I am writing to comment about the proposed re-zoning of the Mobile plot northwest of my property. I strongly urge the city to consider a 9 ft privacy fence West and North of the Middle Rd cul-de-sac.

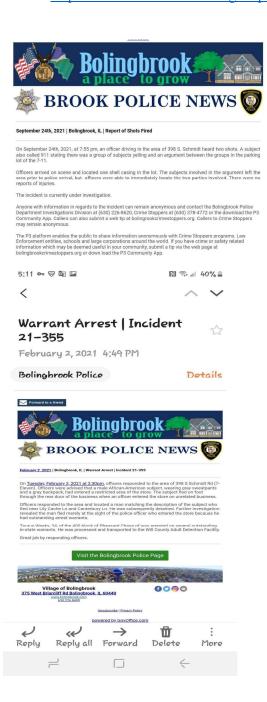
Currently the Mobile sits mostly out of view farther north of Middle Rd. The new proposal moves parking sports directly next to the cul-de-sac. It also puts the convenience store in direct line of sight of my windows and multiple other residences. This obstruction, and illuminance pollution will drive the price of property values down, in opposition to Standard #2.

Historically there has been a loitering problem on this corner. When we purchased the home, we were told by the real estate agent Patty Gustin that a fence was in process of being built by the owners of the Mobile station. The reason for this fence, is the same reason there are currently evergreens and rocks alongside the west side of the cul-de-sac. The previous owner of my house, put those there to deter customers from driving up on the grass, from Middle Rd into the Mobile and vice-versa. This is something that still happens to this day. It has also not stopped pedestrians loitering near the evergreens and rock area in the cul-de-sac, leaving litter, cigarette buds, beer bottles and other paraphernalia. The new proposal puts more parking and promises increase foot traffic even closer to our homes, where multiple small children play soccer, ride bikes, and play basketball. This increases the risk of more loitering, more trash, and reduces the safety of the children in the neighborhood. This is in direct opposition to Standard #2 "The conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate area for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood."

On the topic of safety, there has been an uptick in strong armed robberies in the West Suburbs in the last 18 months. Most of these offenders fled on foot. There was at least some space from the Mobile and our block. This proposal removes that.

- April 17, 2022, Casey's Armed Robbery https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=351643370324649&id=100064369672763
- February 1, 2022, Downers Grove 7/11 Store https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story fbid=305614968260823&id=100064369672763
- September 30, 2021, Downers Grove Gas Station https://www.facebook.com/groups/289607038970129/permalink/533958301201667/
- Bolingbrook Gas Station https://www.wjol.com/bolingbrook-police-investigate-thanksgiving-day-shooting-at-local-gas-station/
- Wheaton Convenience Store Armed Robbery https://patch.com/illinois/aurora/man-charged-string-armed-robberies-convenience-stores

- Downers Grove Gas Station September 2021 https://www.facebook.com/114636105238424/posts/4270414022993924/
- West Chicago Gas Station Burglary September 2021
 https://www.facebook.com/1107778835939752/posts/4657805157603751/
- Aurora Gas Station Car Jacking November 2021 https://www.facebook.com/groups/289607038970129/permalink/572951130635717/



The current status of the cul-de-sac tree maintenance is extremely poor. The cul-de-sac, I have been told, is part of Lisle Township, even though it also sits in Naperville city limits. With neither city taking ownership of the area how is this proposal going to affect an already disregarded area of the city? Standard #1 is currently not being met, the fence on the South side of the property has fallen over and has been that way for well over a year. We have zero assurances that the new owners are going to take care of their side of the property.

The current Landscaping Plan designates 4 cercis canadensis's trees east of what appears to be the 7 evergreens that are currently planted. These evergreens are not on Casey's property. The 4 cercis canadensis's will grow <u>directly into</u> the power lines that are roughly 15 feet above the ground where the Landscaping plan positions them. They will also not provide any obstruction in winter months when the leaves fall, this is precisely why evergreens are a superior for landscaping.

For the reason's stated above, we implore the city of Naperville to require a 9 ft privacy fence alongside the Middle Rd property line, as illustrated below. This would be a much better and equitable solution as it would not require yearly trimming and upkeep and could be placed west of the current evergreens and rocks. The addition of a privacy fence, along the Middle Rd side of the property that wraps around the cul-de-sac for safety and privacy is an equitable solution to some of the problems that this new proposal creates. We also would not like the current evergreens and rocks not to be removed as those will help with noise, view, and light pollution.

Suggested fence line:



Additional concerns include possible run off for the neighbors in the area <u>most of which rely on well water</u>. Because of the high traffic volume and refueling, convenience stores with gas pumps pose an unusually severe threat to ground and surface waters. <u>One study</u> found that contaminant levels in convenience store-gas station runoff were 5- to 30-times higher when compared to residential runoff. These findings have prompted the USEPA and a number of states to list vehicle fueling locations as <u>stormwater hotspots</u>.

Fuel storage tanks and pipelines pose another source of contamination, though the design of both has improved dramatically over the past couple of decades. Spillage at the pump is a more likely source of fuel release into nearby waterways. <u>Johns Hopkins University researchers</u> found that an average of 40 gallons of gasoline is spilled annually at the pumps of a typical gas station. The JHU researchers also found that a significant portion of the spilled gasoline can migrate through the concrete pads at many fueling stations. <u>One review of scientific studies</u> indicated that a gasoline plume can travel up to 400 feet underground. Add another 100 feet for installing grout curtains or other containment measures and gas dispensers should be no closer than 500 feet to a well, wetland, spring, stream, river, pond, lake, reservoir or tidal waters.

| In closing, we believe a 9-foot privacy fence is the minimum the city of Naperville shoul | d |
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| require separating the commercial and residential areas of the city. | |

Regards,

Steven Perotti