

Tuesday, August 15, 2017
Naperville City Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Public Comments
RE: 95th Street Project
Brook Crossing Estates Home Owners' Concerns and Questions

The home owners of Brook Crossing Estates which back up to 95th Street are requesting approval of a sound wall from Naperville/Plainfield to Gateshead based on the following:

1. The project's failure to perform a federally mandated noise analysis for the Brook Crossing Estates;
2. An increase in traffic and noise for the residents of Brook Crossing Estates;
3. An increase in safety concerns due to the increased traffic flow and the reduction of the set back from the road; and
4. The inequity of services provided to Brook Crossing Estates compared to other neighborhoods along 95th street.

Failure to Perform a Noise Study

- The Federal Highway Administration requires all federally funded road construction projects are required to conduct a noise analysis for all affected areas prior to approval.
- In Illinois, Chapter 26-6 of IDOT's Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) Manual outlines the IDOT Noise Analyses policy. The policy states that:
 - "Special efforts shall be made in the development of a project to comply with Federal and State requirements for noise control; to consult with appropriate officials to obtain the views of the affected community regarding local noise requirements, noise impacts, and abatement measures; and to mitigate highway related noise impacts, where feasible and reasonable. The reasonableness evaluation for noise abatement will include the solicitation of viewpoints from benefited receptors."
- A noise study was conducted for the homes of Breckinridge and Timber Creek, not Brook Crossing Estates, which is clearly within the scope of the project and **a violation of Federal Highway Act.**

Increased Traffic, Noise, & Exhaust Fumes

- The Brook Crossings Estates neighborhood has noticed a sharp increase in traffic for the Brook Crossing Estates homes that back up to 95th Street. This is evidenced by an increase in noise and exhaust levels around our homes. The increased traffic, and the resulting noise, pollution, and safety concerns, has negatively impacted our health and the value of our homes.
- The increase of traffic has increased the exhaust fumes from the cars and buses, at time become over powering when in our yards.
- Compounding the issue, 95th Street is a designated no truck route; however, since the extension there has been an increase in truck traffic, resulting in additional exhaust fumes entering our yards and homes. **Residents are now forced to keep their windows closed to prevent the fumes from entering their homes.**

- When the project began breaking up the road Roger and Chris Gray of 2808 Rolling Meadows Drive house has developed several cracks in their foundation. They never had cracks prior to the project.

Safety Concerns

- Prior to the extension of 95th Street Diane O'Connor of 2800 Rolling Meadows Drive has had on two occasions cars come through the fence, one stopping only a few feet away from the air conditioner dragging the fire hydrant in the yard.
- Brook Crossing Estates is close to Nequa High School and we have more teenage drivers on the road, who are statistically more likely to engage in distracted driving (e.g., texting while driving, etc.), which increases the risk of accidents.
- The residents in Brook Crossing Estates that back of to 95th street, now **fear for their safety, their children's safety, and their pets' safety.** A home owner should feel safe in their own backyard.

Inequity of Services

- Similar neighborhoods to Brook Crossings Estates, Breckinridge and Timber Creek subdivisions, received a noise cancellation study, while Brook Crossing Estates did not. Even though, there is more traffic on 95th Street west of Naperville/Plainfield than on the east side of the road and the speed limit east of Naperville/Plainfield Road is 40 miles an hour with multiple stop signs; while the speed limit west of Naperville/Plainfield Road is 45 miles an hour with no stop signs.
- Based on the findings of the noise analysis a sound wall is being erected for Breckinridge and Timber Creek subdivisions. The closest homes in these two subdivisions are 18 and 28 feet from the road. In addition, the home located at 832 Pueblo Court and 8 surrounding homes are 70 feet from 95th Street. They were provided with noise receptors to monitor the noise level. All have a 5 foot high earth berm. Brook Crossing Estates' homes are 14 feet from the road.
- The homes in Breckinridge and Timber Creek have experienced an increase in their property value since the noise barrier wall was erected. The homes in **Brook Crossing Estates have experienced a decrease in property value.**
- Therefore, why wasn't a noise study conducted for our subdivision as required?
- We realize that the more expensive homes pay more in taxes, but does that mean they are entitled to better schools, better public libraries or better other public services? There truly appears to be an inequity.
- Why isn't every homeowner affected by the project being treated equally?

Conclusion

We appreciate the time given to the home owners of Brook Crossing Estates tonight during the City Council meeting. We look forward to the answers to our questions.

Homeowners	Address	Number of Years at Current Residency
David and Isabella Garza	2816 Rolling Meadows Drive	2
David and Cynthia Lewanski	2812 Rolling Meadows Drive	31
Roger and Christine Gray	2808 Rolling Meadows Drive	25
Nick and Rose Guis	2804 Rolling Meadows Drive	6
Diane O'Connor	2800 Rolling Meadows Drive	17
Craig and Doreen Swindall	2796 Rolling Meadows Drive	32