

To: Aurora Planning Commission

Petition against the proposed Speedway Gas Station at the southwest corner of Liberty Street and Eola Road in Aurora, Illinois.

We, the undersigned registered voters, are firmly opposed to the development of a Speedway Gas Station which includes three (3) diesel fueling stations for semi-trailers at the southwest corner of Liberty Street and Eola Road in Aurora, Illinois. Some of our concerns are listed below:

- (1) Endangerment to school children
 - (a) walking and getting bussed to Nancy Young Elementary school located 0.3 miles from the proposed development site due to the probability of increased pedestrian collisions at the school crossing zone and increased school bus collisions due to increased fueling traffic,
 - (b) getting bussed to Granger Middle School and Metea High School due to the probability of increased school bus collisions as a result of increased fueling traffic,
 - (c) walking home from Metea High School after extra-curricular activities due to the probability of increased pedestrian collisions.
- (2) Destruction of the natural wetlands located on the parcel of land proposed for gas station development.
- (3) Increased probability for traffic accidents due to the imminent traffic competition between commuters travelling to the Route 59 Metra commuter station and the semi-trailer fueling traffic and automobile fueling traffic.
- (4) Degradation of homeowner values (and thereby assessed real estate taxes) due to close proximity of proposed fueling station to residential homes.
- (5) Increased opportunity for crime.
- (6) Detrimental economic impact to Aurora due to drain on tax base as a result of reduction in revenue on the seven immediately surrounding gas stations.
- (7) Detrimental impact on residential safety due to leakage of fueling tanks located in a natural Wetland habitat when flooding occurs.

We, the undersigned registered voters, call upon the Aurora Planning Commission to **reject** the use of the parcel of land at the southwest corner of Liberty Street and Eola Road for a Speedway fueling station.

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