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Hello Ms. Murphy,

My name is Paul McKenney and I am a Vienna resident currently residing on Battle St SE. I understand that there will be a Planning Commission Public Hearing on 4/10 and that the agenda will include discussion on the potential establishment of an in-home day care center at the corner of Battle St SE and Center St. Unfortunately I am out of town and unable to attend that meeting but am providing below my objections to this proposal for consideration by the Planning Commission.

My objections focus primarily on the concern for public safety and traffic mitigation as any business establishment including day care centers bring additional motor traffic to the area.

1. Center Street is already a fairly high traffic road and a cut through used by cars to get to Maple Avenue. Additional traffic around this intersection which is so close to the fire station and the already oft congested intersection at Waters field will cause additional congestion on Center St. This is a risk to fire and rescue vehicles getting out of their station.
2. This area already has significant traffic from events occurring at Waters field, the fire station and is used for overflow parking for events at the community center. Additionally, the possible future public use of the now vacant church will also bring more traffic to this area.
3. Center St is used by parents and children walking or cycling to Vienna Elementary School. Having more cars coming in to this area to drop their children for daycare puts these pedestrians at risk.
4. Battle St. SE is a popular pedestrian and cycling thoroughfare as it leads to a path which is a short cut to the community Center and W&OD trail. Having additional traffic come up this street and up Spring St, already home to a preschool, puts these pedestrians and cyclists at greater risk.

In short this area is already heavily trafficked and as stated above, congested. Having a home daycare center here with cars coming in for drop off and pick up and children getting in and out of cars brings a safety risk particularly during commuting hours. This area has many children walking and bicycling to school at VES and parents dropping kids at Waters Field and the community center not to mention the popularity of this route for commuters. Additionally there are fire and rescue vehicles and police vehicles that frequent this area.

Bringing additional traffic to this small area particularly during the commuting hours is both unwise and unsafe. For these reasons I strongly oppose this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for providing my comments to the commission.

Sincerely,

Paul McKenney