

APPENDIX D

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Strong Opposition to Proposed Goshen Quality Care Development

Dear Members of the Municipal District of Bonnyville Council,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed Goshen Quality Care Group Housing Development near our residence. While I commend the intent to support vulnerable individuals through housing initiatives, the selected location is wholly unsuitable and raises serious concerns for the safety, integrity, and character of our community.

Of particular concern is the development's close proximity to [REDACTED]—a property that is widely known in the community, and by the RCMP, for its persistent criminal activity, including drug trafficking, weapons violations, and repeated disturbances. Locating a group facility for at-risk youth and families near such a high-risk property exposes those individuals—and the broader neighborhood—to unnecessary danger and instability.

As a father of four, the safety of my children is non-negotiable. The uncertainty surrounding supervision, behavioral standards, and accountability within a group home setting adds to my alarm. What concrete measures will be implemented to ensure both the safety of those within the home and the protection of neighboring families?

Furthermore, this proposed development is incompatible with the rural, low-density character of our area. Our community consists of quiet acreage homes and agricultural properties—far removed from urban infrastructure. Introducing a high-density support facility would disrupt this environment, increase traffic, and introduce social dynamics that our neighborhood is neither designed for nor prepared to absorb.

Property values are another legitimate concern. Developments of this nature have been shown to negatively affect home values and reduce resale potential—impacting residents like myself who have invested significantly in our homes and community.

In light of these issues, I strongly urge Council to reconsider this development or seek a more appropriate location—one that offers both the necessary support for vulnerable populations and preserves the safety and character of existing residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued service to the community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to express my **strong opposition**, to the proposed **Goshen Quality Care Group Housing Development** in our neighborhood. While I understand the need for support for these types of life situations in our city, I believe that this project would have a detrimental impact on our local community's, already compromised peace of mind.

First and foremost, the proposed development as a refuge for troubled youth / families is simply far too questionable to be as close in proximity to our troublesome neighbours residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This residence in question, known by all parties involved as, [REDACTED] is strongly affiliated with drug trafficking, violent crime activity such as "Drive by" Shootings, Unlawful Weapon Possession, regularly police raided, for Possession of Stolen property, Disturbing of the Peace, Physical Fighting and screaming on a regular basis. All these claims can be substantiated by the Cold Lake RCMP Detachment. My issue is that this unsavory atmosphere is already very precarious for our residents and probably not the most desirable place to be housing children of rescue, from such potential circumstances.

My second concern is also for the safety of my Family, I work away from home often and have 2 young children who are very friendly and eager to meet like minded people. My worries are that of having a host of troubled youth residing very next door to my property is not in my children's best interests. And historically, it has been in recorded precedent, that additional unfavorable situations have high probability to reoccur when Child Group Homes are introduced, and residents are un-monitored around pre-existing residents of children. What will be done to ensure nothing of potential risk occurs between my children and the children of this group home?

Furthermore, the type of housing being proposed is simply not in keeping with the character of our neighborhood. We are all quiet acreage / farm like residents. As there are no business in the immediate area. This development could bring in many low-income / high risk individuals, which could lead to increased crime around our personal properties and other negative social effects. Not to mention the significant influx of undesired traffic.

Finally, I am deeply concerned about the impact this development would have on property values in the surrounding area. The aforementioned, influx of low-income residents and increase in business traffic could result in a decline in property values, making it difficult for current residents to sell their homes and move elsewhere, as I will be weighing as an option if this project moves forward.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposed housing development. While I recognize the need for social rescue housing, I believe that this project is simply not the right fit for our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

-Sincerely Concerned,

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