

Jasmine Forbes

From: Christian Drumm <christianhdrumm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 9:02 AM
To: Planning External Mailing
Subject: NO to Car Wash Proposal at the corner of Central Ave and 355

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Good morning,

I'm writing to let you know I am opposed to the proposal for the car wash at the corner of central avenue and 355. The owners proposing the car wash business don't live in the area and don't care about the impact it will make in the area. There is zero value in building a car wash place in the empty lot. This new business will cause more problems in the area and not be a benefit at all for the reasons below.

1. More traffic on Central Avenue which is a quiet street on the weekends.
2. More traffic on 355 because of cars trying to turn into the business and leaving the business.
3. The intersection is horrible for a car wash business because there is no traffic light and cars will be making illegal turns all the time.
4. More environmental waste from people dumping their trash and chemical runoff from the car wash soap, etc.
5. Noise pollution from all the loud equipment and people's cars blasting their music all hours of the night and modified exhaust.
6. People that use the car wash won't be paying attention for small children or anyone that is walking in the area.
7. There are already several car wash places that are in the area and one just up the street less than a mile away from the proposed area.
8. The church that is right down the road will become a turn around spot or place for people to dry their vehicles off.

Allowing this site to have a car wash would be a great disappointment to Gaithersburg and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time with my concern,

Christian Drumm

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From: Hoan Luu <hoankimluu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 1:35 PM
To: Planning External Mailing
Subject: Concept Site Plan -SP-8819-2021

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Dear Sir,

My house is located on Central Ave., close to Washington Grove Elementary School. Central Avenue is a small road and an emergency route during snow days. I'm very concerned with the project, which will bring traffic and pollution to the area. If the car wash facility is created at the corner of S. Frederick and Central Ave., it will affect the lives of all residents in the area, including the children who walk to school every day. The dirty water coming to the creek is harmful to the lives of trees and plants in the neighborhood.

Please do not allow this project to pass to ensure the environmental cleanliness of this area.

Sincerely,
Hoan Luu

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From: Guy Hasegawa <grhasegawa@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Planning External Mailing
Subject: Concept site plan SP-8819-2021

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To Gaithersburg Planning Services:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed building and operation of a car wash at 601-607 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg (concept site plan SP-8819-2021).

I live within about a quarter mile of the proposed location of the car wash and find the proposal objectionable on numerous grounds:

1. There are numerous car washes already in operation within a few minutes' drive, so there is no need for another one at the proposed location.
2. The noise generated by the business would be bothersome to numerous nearby homes.
3. The business would increase traffic congestion at the intersection of South Frederick Avenue and Central Avenue. The intersection is already busy and prone to congestion, so much so that left turns onto southbound Frederick from Central are prohibited. Motorists on Central routinely ignore the no-left-turn sign, spend minutes waiting for an opportunity to turn, and cause backups on Central, which has only a single lane each way. The additional traffic caused by a car wash would make it more difficult to make any kind of turn at the intersection and is likely to result in more traffic accidents there. If patrons approach the car wash via northbound Frederick Avenue, they will most likely want to leave via southbound Frederick. Because the car wash exit would be on Central, getting onto southbound Frederick would require making an illegal left turn from Central onto Frederick or turning right (north) on Frederick, moving over two or three lanes, and making a U-turn at the first convenient intersection. Exiting the planned car wash would simply be inconvenient for patrons and would likely result in accidents. There is currently a bus stop on Frederick Avenue, in front of the proposed site of the car wash. Traffic associated with a car wash would increase the danger for persons using that bus stop and other pedestrians using Frederick and Central Avenues.
4. In addition to increased intersection traffic, the location of the car wash's entrance/exit on Central Avenue will increase traffic on Central and its side streets. Patrons exiting the car wash by turning right on Central will use nearby side streets, such as Poplarwood Place (where I live) and Paradise Court, to turn around and get back to the Frederick-Central intersection. This would be bothersome and dangerous to neighborhood residents. Turning left onto Central from the car wash would frequently be impossible because of backups on westbound Central caused by drivers waiting to make the illegal left turn onto southbound Frederick Avenue.
5. The car wash would be likely to pollute a nearby creek, which is part of the Muddy Branch watershed.

I urge that this proposal be rejected. It would not be good for local residents, motorists, pedestrians, or the environment.

Sincerely,

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From: Cathy Cahnmann <cathycahnmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re: FW: Car Wash Concept Site Plan Application- 601-607 south Frederick Avenue
Attachments: image001.jpg

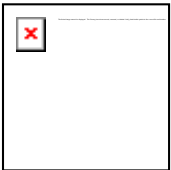
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I say no to carwash t[much traffic already

On Fri, Apr 22, 2022, 10:48 AM Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaitthersburgmd.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

We have received your voicemail about trying to submit testimony for the Whip Clean Car Wash Concept Site Plan application. Please reply to this email with your testimony and we will include it into the record for the Mayor and City Council's review.



Jasmine Forbes, AICP

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