

Dear Representatives,

My name is Matias Fernandez, I am a resident of the Dunes Park neighborhood adjacent to 112th avenue. Our family has resided in the neighborhood since 2016. I am reaching out to you today regarding the proposed development of a diesel truck gas station on the southwest corner of Highway 85 and 112th avenue.

I am fully opposed to the idea of the development of a diesel gas station on the location. I do not oppose development of the area, but adding another gas station and one that will be tailored to service large diesel trucks is not what the community is looking for. As many of our neighbors we moved to the area in order to escape the chaos or larger busier cities. We always understood that development would catch on, however the development that has occurred has only added congestion and there is a lack of community resources such as grocery stores, family owned restaurants, and other shops. I propose that the council consider other uses for the space. There are other options that could benefit by integrating the neighbors of the adjacent neighborhoods, Diesel station will not do that.

I look forward to watching my now 1 year old daughter grow and play on the streets of our neighborhood like we once did as kids ourselves. I look forward to sending her to the Belle Creek school in the adjacent neighborhood and hope she can make friends in Belle Creek and enjoy playing in our larger community. I am also terrified at the idea of my daughter having to cross the street or ride her bike along a road that will surely be busy with large semi-trucks using the new diesel station. At Dunes Park we have a community park and pool right off the proposed development, I can only imagine kids playing in the park will naturally be attracted to the convenience store to buy candy and such, this development would however create a huge risk for our children. I appeal to the council to take into consideration the safety of our community and to consider the implications for years to come.

I hope that you take into consideration my views, which I know many residents share, and consider other options for the development of this area. There are other locations along Highway 85 that are not adjacent to neighborhoods that would provide a more appropriate location for a diesel gas station such as the existing 120th ave and HW 85. Why not invest in expanding and improving an already existing site which is isolated from neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time,

Matias Fernandez