

From: [Shelly Drefcinski](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Fw: concerns about proposed doggy day care at 1422 MacArthur Rd
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:29:04 PM

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The below email further explains my concerns related to traffic. This is located only a few yards from THE busiest intersection in the City of Madison. Please add this to my other comments. I have not yet heard back from Sean but it has only been a few days.

thanks, Shelly

From: Shelly Drefcinski
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:24 PM
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Subject: concerns about proposed doggy day care at 1422 MacArthur Rd

Hi Sean,

I understand from Chris Wells that you are the assigned Traffic Engineer for the project to allow doggy day care at 1422 MacArthur Rd.

I am opposed to this project because of noise levels considering there is residential all across the street. Doggy day cares are LOUD - the noise is at a harmful level. It takes away from the quiet enjoyment of living at your own home. Imagine hearing barking all day and night. Every day. Every night. The sound in a dog boarding facility can reach almost 110 decibels. That is one reason every other doggy day care in Madison is NOT located near residential. And this is a big one, 130 dogs max as stated in Letter of Intent.

But the reason for this email to you is my other concern. Traffic.

Of the 130 max dogs, up to 60 will be doggy day care (the rest are overnight). This street is more of a quiet residential street and has only a stop sign at East Washington (right turn only). The traffic on East Washington is already extremely busy at these times so even though only a righthand turn is allowed, it can be difficult. (it is only a few yards from one of the busiest intersections in all of Madison) So that will be a point of congestion for sure. The traffic during times of drop-off and pick-up are already busy times on East Washington. It is just crazy to think about 50 or 60 people coming and going during these short windows of time on this mostly quiet residential street with a stop sign. And if people want to take a left on East Washington, there will be a few different ways to do it but none of them are very good.

We do need doggy day cares - but this is just not the right location. The purpose of this email is to make you aware of the traffic issues. At minimum, I would like to request more time to research the noise and traffic issues! FYI, I only received the "Notice of Public Hearing" yesterday (Tuesday) ! That does not meet the 10 days MINIMUM of advance notice so that would be another reason to postpone this hearing.

Regards, Shelly Drefcinski

From: [Shelly Drefcinski](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: please POSTPONE the doggy day care plan discussion !!
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:18:44 PM

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Hello,

My name is Shelly Drefcinski. I did NOT get the proper 10 Day Notice for the project to put a doggy day care at 1422 MacArthur Rd. I count 7 days and that is being generous by counting the day the postcard arrived (Tuesday, Dec 7th) as well as the day of the planning meeting (today). The postcard mailed to the tenant arrived only the day before (Monday) so I can only assume nobody got the proper notice.

I am OPPOSED to this project. Yes, we need doggy day cares, but this is just not the right location. I have two primary concerns about this project: Noise and traffic.

Noise

Doggy day cares are notoriously loud. And there is nothing that can be done to muffle sound that is OUTSIDE. Barking dogs can exceed 110 decibels. I would like more time to understand this and to possibly even speak with neighbors. Honestly, would YOU want to own or rent a house across the street from a doggy day care with up to 130 dogs?? Barking 7 days a week?? No other doggy day care in Madison is so close to residential. Quite the opposite, most are quite removed from residential. I would rather have the controversially loud military jets flying overhead, which is rather infrequent, than to listen to dogs barking all day. Every day. That destroys peaceful quiet enjoyment of one's own home.

Traffic

The other concern I have is traffic. In the very short amount of time since the postcard has been received, I have tried to get some information from the traffic engineer (I was told by Chris Wells that it is Sean Malloy). It will probably be easier if I just forward the email I sent to him which I will do once I send this email. I am not faulting Sean for not replying. It has been only 2 full weekdays since I sent him an email late Wednesday. However, this is yet another reason to postpone the meeting.

I raised these concerns to the alderperson, Gary Halverson. **He replied back that the meeting would be pushed out to the January 10 plan commission meeting.** Hopefully that is the case. I will plan on attending that meeting.

Regards, Shelly Drefcinski

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