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To: [Plan Commission Comments](#); [Ledell Zellers](#); [Stouder, Heather](#)
Subject: Raemisch Farm Development Legistar #66222/#65654
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 6:20:05 PM

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I wanted to add a comment about the replat and rezoning of the Raemisch Farm.

The zoning code needs an environmental justice standard to determine whether this location is safe. Please wait for the alder work group to complete its work.

There will be about a year period where F16s and F35s will co-exist. Let's wait to see what the decibels levels are and then decide whether to construct housing at this location.

Thanks you for your consideration-

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From: [Beth Sluys](#)
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Subject: Image for tonight's meeting - Beth Sluys presenter, please have readily available. Thank you
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 4:01:26 PM

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Dear Plan Commissioners,

Attached is an image that I want to have available during the meeting this evening.

Thank you,

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TO: Madison Plan Commission
FROM: Alison Lindsay Mares /s/
DATE: July 26, 2021
REF: Meeting Agenda Items #6 &7, Legistar #66222 and 65654: Zoning and Platting of property located at 4000-4150 Packers Ave and 4201 N. Sherman Ave.

Noise. For the past 18+ months, many of us have gotten a respite from noise as the world slowed in response to the Covid pandemic. Indeed, loud noise is more than just a threat to your hearing and your quality of life. New research suggests it can seriously damage our health. According to AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), **noise is the new secondhand smoke**, and we all know where that has gone in the last 20 years.

So why would we deliberately subject people to more noise by building a development on the Raemisch Farm property (between Packers/CV and Sherman) where the noise from the airport is already dreadful and likely to get worse when the F-35 jets come to town in 18 months.

Noise is measured in decibels. Some examples:

Passenger jet (a mile from takeoff): 106 dB
F-16 jet (1.5 miles from takeoff): 80 dB
Birds chirping: 44 dB
Leaves rustling: 20dB

According to a recent study in the journal *Environmental Research*, daily noise exposure may figure significantly in a person's risk of severe stroke. Researchers found that living in a noisy area—like next to an airport or highway—increases one's risk of severe stroke by 30%, while living in a quiet, green area can reduce it by up to 25%.

Here's how this works. An incessantly loud environment stimulates a part of the brain which regulates stress response. The brain reacts by increasing blood pressure and levels of a stress-related hormone (cortisol), both of which are known to cause a host of cardiovascular issues, including stroke. In fact, the American Heart Association warns of an increased risk of heart attack for those regularly exposed to excessive noise, the kind found near airports and highways.

Chronic stress is also a well-established contributor to deaths related to immune system suppression, diabetes, arterial plaque buildup, psychiatric illness, and possibly cancer.

Dane County Airport noise has increased dramatically over the last 25-30 years as more flights to increased destinations increase the number of passenger jets and as the Air National Guard has moved up the ladder from A-10s (warthogs), to F-16s, and soon the F-35s. Noise from the airport is now making near east and northside neighborhoods unbearable; vibrations make houses shudder and shake as jets take off, circle, and land; and conversations (including home schooling) are near to impossible as noise only increases. And then there's the additional noise as the Guard revs engines, cleans jet pipes, and hover helicopters incessantly at the airport.

While noise is the greatest concern to this development, other issues include drainage/runoff; pesticide contamination; transportation and traffic; major disruption to wildlife and the ecosystem; and Lake View School's outdoor classrooms.

Why would the City of Madison deliberately put people's lives at more risk by approving a development on the Raemisch Farm property?

From: [M Pings](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Opposed: 66222, 65654
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 4:04:16 PM

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To Plan Committee Members:

I am opposed to two items on tonight's agenda: 66222 and 65654. By the Air Force's own Environmental Impact Statement, this property, being close to the airport and future F35 flight path, will be incompatible for residential use.

I live a few miles from the airport, and am officially outside the area identified as most impacted. But I can assure you: The current F16s are also incompatible for residential use. With F35s being even louder, we cannot responsibly bring more residents to that area.

The impending F35 beddown has basically put a STOP to responsible growth Madison's east side. It is unfortunate that this will exacerbate the housing shortage.

Unless, of course, this decision can be reversed and responsible development restored.

With appreciation,
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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

From: [Lori Getter](#)
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Subject: Raemisch Farms Proposal
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 4:00:03 PM

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Hello, I have lived on the Northside since 2008. I am writing to oppose the plan to change the land from agricultural to development. I believe the proposal has not addressed the increase in traffic, crime, as well as the environmental impact. In addition, we are just starting to deal with the F-35 noise issue. I understand the need for more housing but we also need to be good stewards of the environment and to discuss these issues. It was disappointing that a week after the City Council vote to reject the previous application that this proposal was introduced. Please address the concerns of residents before moving this forward.

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