



Hokua Place Development DEIS

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Dear State of Hawaii Land Use Commission,

As long term residents of Kapa'a, we wish to register our opposition to the proposed Hokua Place development. As proposed, the development will have a significant negative impact on the flow of vehicular traffic through the Kapa'a Traffic Corridor. This section of State and County roads already has a serious problem with traffic flow. Several of the existing intersections were already rated "F" during the Traffic Impact Assessment Report done in 2012. They have not improved since then. This is not just a traffic issue. Since Kapa'a houses the greater part of the island's population, much of this corridor is also part of the Tsunami Evacuation Plan. Having inadequate and congested roads on a daily basis is one thing. Having them during a major disaster is another. The potential for loss of life is staggering.

This issue is barely addressed in the current Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The developers, HG Kaua'i Joint Venture LLC, have proposed no real solution to the existing traffic congestion, yet wish to build an additional 760 housing units that would feed directly into the most congested section of the corridor. Approval of this project under the current DEIS, with no additional significant improvements to the flow of traffic is unacceptable.

As a reminder to the members of the Land Use Commission, We have included a Youtube link to a recent video of the traffic congestion on a relatively normal Wednesday in Kapa'a at the traffic roundabout -- the very place that would see the most impact from the new development. We believe the video speaks eloquently as to the traffic flow problem we already have.

<http://youtu.be/RZ2P2vVTsVI>

Respectfully,

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In reply, please refer to:
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May 20, 2015

Mr. Benjamin David Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Hokua Place (Kapaa Highlands), Kapaa Town, Kauai, 96746
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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide comments on the above subject project. We have the following information to offer.

The subject project is located in the critical wastewater disposal area as determined by the Kauai County Wastewater Advisory Committee. We have two (2) treatment individual wastewater systems (IWSs) (septic tanks) for the subject tax map key (TMK) number, i.e., for the Kapaa Intermediate School and the Kapaa Solar Farm located on Olohena Road.

The wastewater generated from the proposed Hokua Place project is planned to be connected to the County of Kauai Wailua Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for treatment and effluent disposal. However, the DEIS did not clearly demonstrate that the existing Wailua WWTP has available capacity and required operation equipment to treat and dispose of the additional wastewater from the proposed Hokua Place project in compliance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-62, Wastewater Systems. Accordingly, we defer making any determination regarding this project until a detailed review and plan addressing any necessary facility upgrades to the existing Wailua WWTP and effluent disposal system, including implementation schedules, to accommodate the additional wastewater flows from the proposed project is addressed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Tomomitsu of my staff at (808) 586-4294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sina Pruder".

SINA PRUDER, P.E., CHIEF
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