

Dear Land Use Commission,

As a full time resident of Kauai, I am very concerned about the proposed Hokua Place Development that will add some 800 dwelling units in Kapaa. I currently live in Wailua Homesteads and already the traffic congestion in Kapaa is near gridlock for much of the work day. At the present time, we have to plan our day in order to avoid going through Kapaa between 10:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. During these times, the traffic congestion is so bad that it takes 25 minutes to drive from the Public Library in Old Kapaa, to the 580 (Kuamoo Rd.) Intersection, a distance of less than 3 miles.

I am not against development per se. But before development is approved, the roads, drainage, sewage and refuse infrastructure need to be updated in order to handle the substantially greater capacity.

In particular, I am concerned about the impact of this development on the following areas:

1) **Impact on Traffic** - It's my understanding that the traffic plans developed in 1997 have not been completed. Since that time, the Kapaa area has grown exponentially. New long term long term plans have to be developed before any new development is approved. Areas of concern are not just the traffic problems on the main highway but also, along the Kapaa bypass and Olohena Rd.

2) **Other Land Development** - with the addition of proposed new development at Coco Palms and Coconut Beach resort and Coconut Plantation, it's expected that an additional 1800 vehicles will be added to the traffic load along the Kapaa/Wailua corridor. Has anyone considered how this is going to work in light of the current gridlock that already exists in Kapaa from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. every day?

3) **Other Infrastructure Concerns:**

- a. Impact on Kapaa Middle School.
- b. Impact on storm drainage
- c. Impact on land fill and recycling centers
- d. Impact on the land from sewage and septic systems

4) **Impact on Retail Business and Tourism** - Already the traffic is so bad that many people are avoiding Kapaa retail businesses and finding ways to do their shopping on other parts of the Island. What effect do you think it has on vacationers who come here and find they have to spend an hour in traffic just to buy groceries??

5) **Impact on Quality of Life** - The beauty of Kauai, and one of the main reasons people want to visit our Island, is to enjoy the rural lifestyle and to get away from the stress of urban living. Already in parts of the Island, we have ruined this benefit. Are we going to continue down this path until Kauai is simply no longer a pleasant place to visit?

In my opinion, the EISPN should not be improved until ALL the impacts on our community can be thoroughly studied and addressed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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