

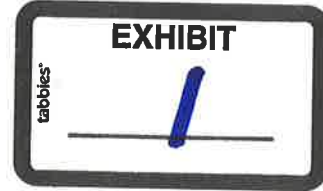
# In the matter of an application for the modification of C-CU-2337-07

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Subject property: 14427 SW Alfalfa Road, Powell Butte, Oregon. 97753- The Roman Catholic Bishop. (Church)



To: Crook County Planning Department, County Counsel etc.

My name is Ed Burgess and I own the property at 14813 SW Alfalfa Road, Powell Butte, Oregon 97753

Please consider me a person of interest in the matter for a reconsideration of the modification of the conditional use permit for the property as set forth above.

I own property that is immediately adjacent to the property mentioned above. My north property line adjoins the south property line of the "church" property.

I am highly concerned and oppose you allowing a modification of the conditional use permit as requested .

The "church" property is not fenced to keep people from leaving and in fact, as I understand it, their clients are free to leave at any time. I run cattle and harvest hay on my property. I use large machinery to maintain my farm and fear that people could walk onto my property and be harmed with machines and cattle on the property. I also spray chemicals, that being fertilizer and weed control products.

I also fear that the kind of people coming to this facility are not the normal "pillars of the community" and in fact will likely be felons and those that have faced trouble with the law related to their drug and alcohol behavior. I have children that visit my home and participate in farm activities and would not like them potentially exposed to the clients that would wander our way.

As we have seen from the "church" use, visitors want to take walks along the highway and there are no sidewalks and not much for shoulders. These people are at jeopardy to the fast moving traffic on Alfalfa Road.

I am also very concerned about the intersection of the property and Powell Butte Highway. This year has seen several accidents in the area including at least two death accidents.

This proposed use is not appropriate for EFU designated areas and I fear if you grant this it will open the door for investors to buy up farm property, dry it out and build subdivisions.

Ironically as I write this , just down from my house (8-13-24) was yet another rollover accident. Should someone have been walking on the shoulder at the time they surely would have been killed. If it helps we can gather copies of accident reports to substantiate those accidents. Neither Powell Butte Hwy or Alfalfa Road can hold up to even one more car being added.

I have several other thoughts and concerns but hope that you will have the wisdom to see that the suggested use of this property would have a dramatic and harmful use in the EFU zone.

Thank you, Edward Burgess. 54-410-7654

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.