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Attached is my letter in objection to the galvanizing business at 18520 67th Ave NE. Please acknowledge receipt of this email and please review the letter and share with the planning director. Protect the citizens of Arlington!

Thank you,
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Amy Rusko
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Re: 18520 67th Ave project - **Industrial/small part galvanizing line LN #1145**

Dear City of Arlington Planning Dept.

I am writing to object to the proposed project referenced above. A special use permit should not be issued. The City needs to protect its citizens! This proposal should not be allowed so close to the largest residential community in the City. The hot dip galvanization process produces toxic fumes which if inhaled can lead to long-term health issues. The MDNS the City issued does not safely address the potential for harm to the citizens of the City. Even with the best practices, the fumes have a potential to leak out. Accidents happen – and we as residents should not be put in jeopardy of such a toxic process. We already get to smell the fumes of the cannabis grow directly next door to this proposed location – those fumes are not supposed to leak out either. The MDNS states that there is no changes to the building footprint. That building is old and in need of repair. The thin metal shell cannot contain the toxicity of such a business. How about when it is over 90degrees out and they want to open the doors or exit the building – how are now fumes going to leak out. What if they have a hazardous material spill? Accidents happen – they are not planned nor predictable. This is too large of a risk to the neighboring communities.

The residents of the neighboring Gleneagle do not have a choice to avoid this dangerous and toxic processing plant if you allow it. We all bought our homes, raise our families, support the City with our retail and property taxes and we should come first. The potential for toxic fumes, inhalation from both the lead and zinc can be deadly. We should not have to be subjected to this potential impact and find out in 20 years that we have all been poisoned by some out of area business. This company can purchase or lease another site and should have performed a feasibility study. This business-Seattle Galvanizing- would have an extraordinary impact on the neighboring households. There are plenty of other areas farther away from any residential areas in the area.

This business also wants to operate 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. We are already disturbed by the occasional train traffic. We deserve peace and quiet in our homes and play areas – not constant 24 hour a day operational noise. Please think and consider your residents and the impact this will have on them.

There is also going to be a strain on the road (67th) with the new 105 unit apartment complex across the street. Another 70+ people working there will only add to the congestion. I say 70 as that is the number of parking spaces – the applicant says 10. They can change that number immediately agter being permitted. The MDNS states that there will only be 5 PM trips at peak hour. How is this possible with 70+ employees and running 24 hours a day?

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There is also a school bus stop kitty-corner from the proposed site. Are you going to permit school age children to be exposed to this hazard twice a day? Please think of your citizens and their safety. Tax generation and business development should not come first.

This City needs to put their citizens and residents first – we are what built this City and we support this City. We come FIRST! Please do not allow this type of business within 500' of the neighborhood. This risk is too high and this is not a suitable location. Protect us and do what is right – deny the special use permit and have the applicant find a new location away from residential areas. We should not have to be exposed to such a toxic and harmful process.

Sincerely,

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