

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
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Neighborhood: Haller Lake

I am a resident of the Haller Lake neighborhood and wanted to let you know of a few reasons why I am opposed to the proposed municipal city jail site at Puetz Golf:

- There are more than 1000 residential units within 600 yards of the Puetz site. These include single family homes, townhomes, mobile homes, condos, affordable housing, and apartments.
- There are 7 schools within 1 mile and unknown number of daycares.
- There are many seniors living in housing facilities which would be vulnerable to increase crime.
- Our area already has problems with drugs and prostitution and a large transient population. These problems will be exacerbated as detainees are released into our neighborhood.
- The jail was not part of the Bitterlake Urban Village master plan, which has been in the works for the last decade.
- The jail would adversely affect the progress made with the Northgate revitalization and would negatively impact existing and new businesses on Aurora Avenue.
- The jail would negatively affect the property values of the surrounding residential areas and North Seattle in general. This would have a dramatic effect on the tax base and tax revenues due to decreased property values.
- The prospects for selling your home when it is located next to the Seattle jail are not very promising.
- Our area already has a large transient population. Inmates that are released into our neighborhood are likely to add to this population. As the current situation under the I-5 Bridge at Northgate Way demonstrates, the City of Seattle is unwilling to enforce trespassing laws when they involve transients.
- The Evergreen Washelli Cemetery would be more prone to crime and transient activity as the released inmates linger in the area.
- Public transportation for the released detainees is very limited. The 358 bus would be forced to accommodate most of the offenders.
- The Puetz driving range is privately owned. It is also the smallest at 7.15 acres.
- This site is located in a drainage area.
- At 8.8 miles from the downtown courthouse, this site is the furthest away of the four sites being considered.
- North Seattle is already lacking sufficient police assets.

Thank you for your consideration, Martha Wilson