

December 16, 2025

Ms. Madelyn Nelson
Community Planning and Development
City of Mercer Island
9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Dear Ms. Nelson:

We are writing in regard to Parcel 3024059001 (File No 2510-150), which currently has a permit application outstanding to build a single family residence on the side of the hill at 9191 SE 64th Street. Our home (9030 SE 64th Street) is west of the parcel. The parcel borders 3 other homes.

While we understand that geotechnical work has been done to identify potential risks of building a house on this steep hillside, our concerns about this project are two-fold:

1. Road access during construction
2. Mailbox placement during and post-construction



Road Access: The red line on the map represents parking spaces on the edge of the small road on 64th leading to our home. As we experienced every Sunday until May 2012 when the New Hope Church congregation departed the church property at 9170 SE 64th Street (the church remains empty since then), parked cars up and down this road makes driving back and forth difficult. Should any of the vehicles be extra-long – like construction vehicles or extended cab pickup trucks – it is almost impossible to pass, as demonstrated by challenges the garbage trucks have had at various points, where they choose not to provide service for a week, rather than try to weave their way delicately past the parked cars.

In anticipation of daily construction vehicles (as well as dump trucks, excavators, excavator trailer-trucks, piling trucks, cement trucks, cement pumper truck, etc.) throughout different phases of construction, there is a real possibility that we will repeatedly find ourselves blocked from accessing our home. While it is likely

most convenient for contractor vehicles to park directly north of the 9167 SE 64th Street building site, parking there will make our driveway ingress and egress difficult (or impossible) during construction hours.



Requested consideration: In recognition that there may be times where it will be impossible for the contractors to keep the small road accessible to us, we ask that the general contractor coordinate with us and the three neighbors at 9185, 9179 and 9173 SE 64th Street about which days and times of day we can expect to have potential limited access in and out of our driveway, and hence our home. Here are 3 examples of situations we need to mitigate:

1. Garbage: We pay extra fees to have Recology garbage trucks drive up to our home every Thursday, therefore any Thursday road blockage would likely mean that we would not have our garbage picked up – an ugly situation for a family that easily fills its weekly allotment of garbage today.
2. Child Safety: Our three children need safe access to come and go from school each day, including the ability to safely walk or ride their bikes off or onto our property and past the construction site. It is critical to know which days are going to have unusually large trucks that pose a real danger as our children literally have to walk through the construction zone to get to school.
3. Likewise, as both James and Anne leave our home throughout the day to meet clients and run errands, we need to be able to pass safely as needed and without unusual delay.

Mailbox Placement: Since before we moved into our home back in 2009, our mailbox has been placed where the blue circle is placed, next to the intersection of 92nd Avenue SE and SE 64th Street. We anticipate that during construction, our mailbox will be inaccessible or need to be moved. We simply ask to be notified of an access block, and information on how to get the USPS to recognize a new location for the mailbox, should we need to move the box.

If you would like to discuss any of these points, please contact us at 206-999-0109 (James) or 206-293-1807 (Anne). Thank you.

James & Anne Thomson
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