

## OUR READERS' OPINIONS <sup>UB</sup>

Location of development is the issue <sup>4-8-19</sup>

In response to a recent letter: It's not about dividing neighborhoods along economic lines; it's about what's right or wrong for a particular area!

This letter is in response to the proposed annexation of the 100-plus acres of the Bachtold farmland into the Walla Walla city limits for development by Hayden Homes.

The land is located between Cottonwood Road and Kendall Road. The city would allow about 400 homes to be built in the area. At an average of 3.5 people per household, that would be approximately 1,400 people.

With approximately two cars per home that would be 800 more vehicles on the roads.

The infrastructure in this area does not seem to support this increase.

As it is now, Kendall Road is dangerous for bicyclists, pedestrians and the Wa-Hi track team runners who often use the road. Over the years, the vehicle traffic has increased on this narrow road and there are currently no sidewalks.

This proposed annexation would dramatically change the rural country setting for this area.

I think the City Council needs to reconsider the size and scope of this development. Do county commissioners have any input on this conversation?

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