



King County

Reagan Dunn

Councilmember, District 9

Metropolitan King County Council

March 23, 2023

Jim Chan, Division Director
Department of Local Services, Permitting Division
919 SW Grady Way, Suite 300
Renton, WA 98057

Div. Director Chan,

I am writing to you about the planned battery storage facility set to be built across from Mattson Middle School. I have heard and share many concerns from my constituents on this matter related to noise pollution and potential health hazards and want to make sure we are treating these concerns with the seriousness they deserve.

For residents who live adjacent to the proposed battery storage facility, noise pollution is of particular concern since this facility could emit constant noise. In addition, I have heard fears from the community of the potential of a fire at the facility. Fires in such facilities could be dangerous and emit noxious fumes that damage air quality and impact health. These are issues that should be addressed during the permitting process and the community engagement process.

It is worth considering that the proposed site of this facility is not only directly next to several homes in the area, but is also right next to a school, meaning that students could be impacted by noise and fire risk as well. Such close proximity to children and families warrants due diligence in investigating this facility.

I urge the Permitting Division to be attentive to these community concerns when making a siting decision for the proposed battery storage facility. All proper safety and health concerns should be considered earnestly, and the wellbeing of local residents given due priority. The safety and health of the local community is of the utmost concern to me, and I want to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps to guarantee their quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Reagan Dunn
Vice Chairman
King County Council