

Riley, Kate

From: Cambridge Girls Softball [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:44 PM
To: City Council; City Manager; Riley, Kate; SchoolCom@cpsd.us; dbeard@cpsd.us
Subject: Tobin VLUS Project

Hello

My name is Irving Allen and I am currently the president of the Cambridge Girls Softball League. I want to express my concerns about all 3 proposed designs for the Tobin VLUS Project for a number of reasons, loss of the 3 fields and playground area, as well there now being a Pre-K school attached/located at this location and proposed new "access road" for the school. But for now I am going to focus just on the loss of the fields and playground areas.

The loss of the 3 fields and the playground area is a huge hit for the city. These fields today are used heavily by not only the youth sports leagues but by many other families. The loss of these fields will not only impact the groups that use these fields today but will also impact other youth sports within the city as this is all a trickle down effect. You move these fields to Glacken (as what is currently proposed) then the teams that use Glacken then need to find new fields, so this then impacts soccer, softball as well as other groups. Field availability within the city is already at a premium, let's not make it worse.

There is no good reason to impeded supervised youth sports activities. Especially when we are confronted with health, climate, race and class divisions. Youth sports truly helps unite kids from all parts of the city no matter what their backgrounds are or their skill levels are. So let's not look to destroy the leagues let's try to embrace and grow the leagues.

We live in a city that has a huge wealth of resources within it, I know we can come up with a better plan for this site that will allow for the growth of the school as well as the continued use of playable open space.

Irving Allen