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**To:** [Moore, Andrew](#)  
**Subject:** {Sunridge:76} FW: C14-2016-0069 - 5016 1/2  
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Dear Mr. Mppre

As a 25 year resident of our Sunridge neighborhood let me express my conviction that a proposed Sunridge cut-through to Ben White is an absolutely misguided idea. It would significantly change the character of our residential area. Alvin Devane—hardly a quarter mile to the east—is an entirely adequate cut-though. It offers an unencumbered straight shot through a commercial district and provides quick easy-on access to Ben White. I use Alvin Devane daily for an incredibly easeful commute to my St. Edward's University campus and to the many commercial points of destination beyond Congress Avenue.

If you're looking to create a cut-through that facilitates traffic flow, you'd do well to consider

Pleasant Valley which is already a vigorous north/south corridor that that carries significant cross-traffic across the river and into our southern district. This southeastern area of town has been abused by zoning decisions made decades ago. Give our Sunridge neighborhood some room to breathe!

Sincerely,  
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**From:**  
**To:** [Meredith, Maureen](#); [Moore, Andrew](#)  
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Dear Ms. Meredith and Mr. Moore,

I am writing to urge that the city council NOT recommend the extension of Sunridge Drive from East Oltorf to the westbound Ben White access road. It could be disastrous to this narrow, hilly neighborhood street with several blind curves (where accidents have happened before).

People are walking their dogs and children are playing here.

It is not necessary as there is a flat wide street, Alvin DeVane, which runs from Oltorf to Ben White thru a business area, just one block over. A better for city-wide connectivity plan would be to extend Pleasant Valley through to Ben White.

We ARE in favor of gated access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Gunn

Street address: 2713 Sunridge Dr.

Council District: 3

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Dear Mr. Moore,

I wish to express my strong objection to opening Sunridge Blvd through from Ben White Blvd. I have lived in the Sunridge Neighborhood just one half a block off Sunridge Dr for 26 plus years and see a huge increase in traffic up and down Oltorf that has become somewhat of a freeway to access Ben White Blvd and Montopolis over the years. Opening Sunridge Dr would create the same fast busy traffic cutting off a block early to access Ben White Blvd. There is already an open access to Ben White at Alvin Devine just up the hill East off of Oltorf; this is more than adequate and goes through an industrial street instead of a quiet neighborhood. There is no need for another access to be run through a quiet neighborhood when one exits at Alvine Devine just one block East. Such an opening would cause traffic to be backed up at Sunridge Dr to a busy Oltorf forcing traffic to go right or left since Sunridge Dr does not go through or across Oltorf St. Sunridge is a short neighborhood street ending at Oltorf. Please do not ruin our small quiet neighborhood street by putting a cut through from Ben White Blvd to Oltorf St.

Let us remain a neighborhood,  
Carol Hirsh

**From:**  
**To:** [Moore, Andrew](#)  
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Hi, Andrew

We wish to add our voices to those of my neighbors who are of one mind in vigorously opposing the notion of extending Sunridge Drive to connect with Ben White.

The reasons for our opposition are manifold. Sunridge Drive is a quiet street that winds through a residential neighborhood where we residents of Sunridge Park walk our dogs, ride our bikes, and let our kids out to play. It is *\*not\** an appropriate thoroughfare for traffic between the major streets of Oltorf and Ben White Boulevard.

The mentality of the "connect Austin" argument falls completely flat in its inconsistency. Consider, for example, the industrial area around Todd Lane and East St. Elmo and its connectivity (or lack thereof) with the other commercial area along Burleson Road south of Ben White. The only way to get from one to the other is to go out to Ben White or to go all the way around via Montopolis and Stassney. Why doesn't the City direct its efforts toward correcting obvious impediments to mobility like this one instead of ruining residential neighborhoods with transient traffic?

Here's another concern: The point where Sunridge Drive would connect to Ben White is right where there is a ramp onto the freeway. Drivers coming from Oltorf and wanting to get onto Ben White will be constantly trying to cut across three lanes of the frontage road to get onto that ramp. How long will it be before someone gets killed doing that?

Alvin Devane is an appropriate connector between Oltorf and Ben White. It is fairly straight and level, sixty feet wide, and runs through an industrial area. Sunridge Drive is hilly, winding, is less than forty feet wide, and passes through a residential subdivision. Alvin Devane is far enough upstream of the Ben White ramp to give drivers plenty of space to safely change lanes in order to reach it. And Alvin Devane is right there and convenient; connectivity through Sunridge Park is *\*not\** needed.

There is plenty of precedence for what we are asking. The east-west streets through the residential subdivisions along MoPac do not connect to the freeway access road for precisely the same reason; they do not want transient traffic speeding through their neighborhoods looking for ways to dodge rush hour traffic any more than we do. Why would you do it to our neighborhood if you will not do it to theirs?

One more thing I will add: the people who are pushing for this street extension do not have to live with the ramifications of their decision. We do. Please consider the impact this would have on the folks who would have to deal with it every day.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Gunn  
Carol Gunn  
2713 Sunridge Drive

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**I live in and own 2914 Wickersham Lane. I STRONGLY DISAGREE with extending Sunridge Drive through to Ben White, it makes the neighborhood and especially the intersection of Sunridge Dr and Wickersham Drive UNSAFE**

**Cars and trucks are already speeding down Sunridge Drive towards the dead-end. This dead-end is where my son and other younger children cycle or walk to the green belt. It is a quiet and peaceful street in a quiet and peaceful neighborhood, we would like to keep it quiet and peaceful.**

**Sunridge Drive is not a straight or level street. It has a blind curve, a steep hill, and 3 intersections, one at Wickersham Lane . Sunridge Drive has pedestrian traffic, joggers and walkers and young children on bicycles. If the street cuts through to Ben White we the people living here will no longer be able to use it the way we use it now when it becomes a thorough fare and shortcut for every car and truck rushing from Ben White to Oltorf.**

**Please DO NOT allow the extension.**

Please include this email to the Planning Commission members. and include this email with the attachment.

**Thank you**

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From: \_\_\_\_\_  
To: [Meredith, Maureen](#); [Moore, Andrew](#); [Renteria, Sabino](#)  
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Hi, Maureen, Andrew, and Sabino,

Please, see below regarding Plan Amendment case number NPA-2016-0021.01 for Zoning Change Case number: Case C14-2016-0021.01:

**I am against the extension of Sunridge Drive to the access road of Highway 71/ Ben White for the following reasons:**

1. Sunridge Drive will be more dangerous for neighborhood pedestrians, pets, drivers, and bikers. Also, those entering Ben White or turning onto a new extension will increase car crashes.
2. Sunridge Drive road is not physically wide enough for increased traffic. It has hills, curves, and cars parked on both sides of the roads. Also, Sunridge Drive already plays chicken with City View apartment residents turning into the property across the street and gambles with speeding cars and busses both school and city flying and stopping down/on Oltorf's hills, respectively.
3. This road is NOT Alvin Devane which is a wide, flat industrial main street with a dangerously busy turning lane. Sunridge Drive is purely residential with an already dangerous intersection for vehicles, pedestrians, City View apartment residents/visitors, 2 bus stops, and bus passengers illegally crossing the 5 lanes of Oltorf to get to the opposite bus stop.
4. Adding a traffic light and pedestrian blinking stop light cross walk would make Alvin de Vain safer. Have you ever witnessed the morning rush hour, lunchtime, and end of the business day at Alvin Devane. It is DANGEROUS! Please, add these 2 items to Alvin Devane before adding a dangerous extension to Sunridge Drive.
5. An extension will bring more crime. As a single woman, I will move if this change happens because this extension will bring more awareness to this hidden neighborhood.
6. At least 40 Sunridge Drive neighbors protested the extension at the Ruiz library. They unanimously opposed the requirement that Sunridge Drive be extended to Highway 71/ Ben White.
7. Seth Mearig, the representative of the developer, mentioned that the developer did NOT want Sunridge Drive extended through their property.
8. Andrew Moore, the City of Austin Planning and Zoning staff member explained that this is a requirement of the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. If this is true, then why is Pleasant Valley not extended? Pleasant Valley is a busy mixed used area of residents and businesses.

Please, consider the above and my neighbor's pleas before extending Sunridge Drive. I will be happy to elaborate on or clarify my concerns. Also, I'm willing to give you a guided tour of

our neighborhood on Sunridge Drive and Alvin Devane if you are available for a field trip.  
Please, don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Thank you,  
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