

June 25, 2024

Planning and Zoning Commission, Clay County Florida

Ref: Rezoning CR315/CR315A

As a resident of Green Cove Springs, Clay County since 1972, we have owned and lived at 2261 Knowles Road, Green Cove Springs for over 50 years. We have seen many changes and growth throughout the years, some for the good and some not so much.

**We strongly oppose the zoning changes for the CR 315 new development for the following reasons.**

**Traffic:** In recent years, due to other developments that were approved, there has been a significant increase in traffic. To leave our home to go anywhere, we must travel 315 as we have done for over 50 years. The roads have not been improved, the traffic has increased tremendously and there are accidents and injuries caused on a regular basis.

**Roads:** Knowles Road already has traffic issues as it is used as a speedway cut through road for high school students and the same applies for fair traffic and other roadway work on SR 16. We have had many close calls pulling out of our driveway and our fence has been taken out by people speeding down the road to cut through because of 315 traffic back-ups. Our neighbors have had the same problem.

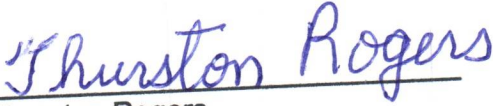
**Accidents:** With the increase in traffic accidents at the point it is now, we cannot allow any more changes that would include more vehicle traffic. The safety of the current residents should be your top priority in making these decisions.

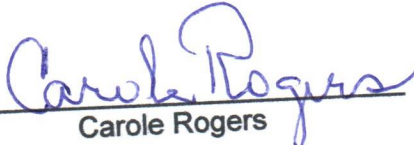
**Environmental/Drainage:** There are many environmental problems with this plan as well. There are wetlands that should be left as they are to preserve our areas natural resources. The drainage will again impact Knowles Road, a dirt road with already existing drainage issues that cause us difficulty even getting to our home at times.

This plan should be completely denied at this time. There are existing public safety concerns, environmental issues and basic infrastructure that are already back-logged and should be resolved prior to any further zoning changes involving CR 315.

It is and has always been the responsibility of Planning and Zoning and the BOCC to make decisions that are based on facts and in the best interest of the county residents. As residents, this is not in our best interest. Please strongly consider our opposition and make the decision to deny this zoning change.

Respectfully,

  
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