

January 27, 2003

Mr. William Rieley  
Chairman, Albemarle County Planning Commission  
County of Albemarle  
401 McIntire Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

RE: SDP 02 – 128  
Faulconer Construction Company Preliminary Site Plan

Dear Mr. Rieley:

This letter is to re-iterate the School Division's concern regarding the application by Faulconer Construction Company to place an office, a shop, and storage buildings on a site adjacent to Murray Elementary School. Community members have raised a number of concerns about the impact of this project on Murray. I would therefore ask you and your staff to carefully review the following issues as any site plan application is considered:

This project would obviously generate a great deal of large vehicle traffic that would interact with school-related traffic. This would be of particular concern during the morning dropoff and afternoon pickup times. What accommodations within the site plan could be made to limit the impact of this problem?

The proposed shop would likely have potentially contaminating materials (e.g., petroleum products, industrial chemicals, possible pesticides, etc.). How would these materials be stored so that the public could be assured that ground water would be protected? Does the presence of these materials require any special notification and/or plans in the event of spill or release into the air?

Site contractors such as Faulconer, usually maintain an inventory of explosives and other similarly dangerous materials. How would these materials be stored to assure the protection of the school and the surrounding residents? Additionally, what measures are in place to prevent dangerous materials from being transported by or near Murray Elementary School?

Large vehicles that are stored on grass will leak vehicle fluids into the ground. Could the site plan require vehicles to be stored on pavement so that runoff can be captured and treated before it is released into streams near Murray?

These are all reasonable issues to be factored into consideration of any proposed site plan. I know that Local Government shares the School Board's concern about assuring the well being of Murray Elementary, the neighborhood, and the environment as this project is considered. Thank you for your assistance and we appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely.

Diantha H. McKeel  
Chairman

Cc:

Mr. Robert Tucker, County Executive

Dr. Kevin C. Castner, Superintendent

Mr. Lindsay Dorrier, Chairman, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Wayne Cilimberg, Director of Planning and Community Development