

Some Boerne residents hope 'Flying J' doesn't get its wings



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BOERNE, TX --It's the kind of hustle and bustle that these Boerne neighbors say would swallow their quiet Kendall Oaks neighborhood: a proposed truck stop, less than a block from their homes.

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"It's going to mean air horns and air brakes and diesel in the air," said Martha Sherman who moved to Boerne six years ago to raise her family.

Boerne officials confirmed that Pilot/Flying J is eyeing 28-acres across the street from Toni Lott's home.

The property is bordered by an industrial park, which includes small office spaces and some state agencies. But Lott said it is the homes on the other side of Shooting Club Road that could bear the brunt of noise and possible air pollution.

"This is a very unique little town. And that's why I moved out here—to get away from things like this," said Lott.

The Boerne City Council is considering annexing the property, at the request of the property owner, M & K Investments Joint Venture.

It is the first step, neighbors say, in creating a pit stop for truckers, because it allows for some city utilities.

Nearby homeowners argue the proposal was concealed from them for all the wrong reasons.

Lott said, "There are going to be some serious ramifications from this. From what the FBI says, this is a real attraction for criminals. And we're not talking about the small things. We're talking child-sex trafficking, prostitution, violence."

Neighbors instead want truckers to continue west on Interstate-10 for about ten minutes, for an easy-on, easy-off experience.

"And there is a truck stop that just opened down the road in Comfort. That is a good location for them to go," said Sherman.

A public hearing on the annexation of the land begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Boerne Police and Municipal Court Complex at 124 Old San Antonio Road.