

## Petition No: 2017-171

## IMPACT UNDER CURRENT ZONING

*Number of housing units allowed under current zoning:* the approximately 36.7 acres zoned R-3 conventional would allow approximately 110.1 residential dwellings.

The subject property is developed with five single family detached dwellings.

Number of students potentially generated under current zoning: 64 students (32 elementary, 16 middle, and 16 high).

## **IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

*Proposed Housing Units:* The conditional district request seeks to allow a total of 221 dwelling units; 210 single family attached dwelling units and 11 single family detached dwelling units.

CMS Planning Area: 10, 11, 12, 13

Average Student Yield per Unit: 0.1734 (single-family attached) and 0.5818 (single-family detached)

This development may add 42 student(s) to the schools in this area [36 students (in single-family attached units) and 6 students (in single-family detached units)]. The proposed project is located directly adjacent to Ardrey Kell High School.

The following data is as of 20<sup>th</sup> Day of the 2016-17 school year.

| Schools Affected                     | Total<br>Classroom<br>Teachers | Building<br>Classrooms/<br>Teacher<br>Stations | 20 <sup>th</sup> Day,<br>Enrollment<br>(non-ec) | Building<br>Classroom/<br>Adjusted<br>Capacity<br>(Without<br>Mobiles) | 20 <sup>th</sup> Day,<br>Building<br>Utilization<br>(Without<br>Mobiles) | Additional<br>Students As a<br>result of this<br>development | Utilization<br>As of result<br>of this<br>development<br>(Without<br>Mobiles) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| ELON PARK<br>ELEMENTARY <sup>1</sup> | 57                             | 39   | 1111  | 760  | 146%   | 20   | 149%  |
| COMMUNITY HOUSE<br>MIDDLE            | 83                             | 58   | 1783  | 1246   | 143%   | 8  | 144%  |
| ARDREY KELL HIGH <sup>2</sup>        | 141.5                          | 96   | 2991  | 2029   | 147%   | 14   | 148%  |

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adequacy of existing school capacity in this area is a significant problem. We are particularly concerned about rezoning cases where school utilization exceeds 100% since the proposed development may exacerbate those situations. Approval of this petition may increase overcrowding and/or reliance upon mobile classrooms at the schools listed above.



The total estimated capital cost of providing the additional school capacity for this new development is \$962,000; calculated as follows:

| Elementary School: | <b>20</b> x 3 |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Middle School:     | <b>8</b> x    |

High School:

**20** x \$20,000 = \$400,000 **8** x \$23,000 = \$184,000 **14** x \$27,000 = \$378,000

CMS recommends that the petitioner/developer schedule a meeting with staff to discuss mitigation of the cost to improve the adequacy of school capacity at the potentially affected schools.

The following future projects are included on the *CMS 2017 Bond Projects* list, as approved by county voters:

- 1. construction of a new 45-classroom elementary school in June 2022 to relieve <u>Elon Park</u>, Hawk Ridge, and Polo Ridge elementary schools (tentative date; location to be determined); and
- 2. construction of a new 125-classroom high school in March 2021 to relieve South Mecklenburg, <u>Ardrey Kell</u>, Myers Park, and Olympic high schools (tentative date; location to be determined).