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Letter: Greetings,

We, the residents of Alcovia Heights and adjacent areas, respectfully request that a permanent, public, protected bike/ped path be constructed along the southern perimeter of NFATC site. This would require that the proposed NFATC expansion southward be halted or amended, that plans to eliminate the existing path between S. George Mason Drive and S. Oakland Street be cancelled, that a permanent easement be granted to the County for construction of a public bike/ped path around the entire southern fence line (connecting S. George Mason Dr with the corner of S. Oakland St/S. 3rd St), and that the County finalize plans to construct an east-west connector around NAFTC as envisioned in the Transportation Master Plan.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
William Campbell	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	We use this path every Saturday morning.
susi lill	arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My daughter and young family live in the area!
Ton Schelstrate	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My wife and I use the current path all the time.
Michael Rhode	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Paving over more green space in Arlington, especially at the expense of the citizens in favor of the federal government, is not a good idea.
Sheila Windsor	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My mother and I walk this path. Don't take this path away from us!
Jill Taylor	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	We need to preserve green spaces and walking paths in Arlington. I use this path every week.
Joyce Windsor	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My daughter and I walk this path.
BARRY ISAACS	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My wife and I use this walk path almost daily. We have done so for the past 31 years. We do not want to lose that availability to traverse from Quincy Street to George Mason Drive.
Russell Burd	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	That is vital pedestrian path to connect Alcovia Heights with the local schools and access to adjoining neighborhoods.
Patrick Sell	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I walk this path with my wife and kids
Sara Uzel	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	The facility in the middle of our community and until now this proposal both have co-existed well. A "wall" is not needed.
Lorelei Brown	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I want free passage in my neighborhood
Ahmed Al-Hujazi	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I have been living here on South 7th Street for 22 years and have used the path between Quincy and George Mason on multiple occasions. I have also known my friends and neighbors to use this path when walking with dogs or kids. Then the grassy area to the right of the path was taken away. This was disheartening to say the least. The newly proposed land grab will make things worse, especially for those trying to find a more efficient means of getting to the Route 50 area. I also have fond memories of my son using the hill for sledding with other neighborhood children, but with extending the fenced off area the neighborhood children will have one less place to go when it is snowing. Therefore, I am opposed to the fencing off of additional park space to satisfy some agenda of the training center. Regards.
Dana Galvin	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Supporting pedestrian friendly routes for all ages is a priority of both the county and Alcovia Heights.
Gillian Burgess	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Transportation options are critical for the liveability of Arlington and without this path, east-west travel by bike or on foot is severely limited. We need to enable people to make transportation choices, and not force everyone into cars.
Chris Forinash	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Making walking and biking safe and convenient is critical to Arlington's livability and vitality. If we can't break up superblocks like the NFATC (and pentagon and cemetery and country clubs and and and ...) then we must make sure the edges are connected and accessible for all.
David Ensign	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	This makes good sense, and if you can drive large trucks up Mason (which you can) then surely bikes and pedestrians are not a greater security risk.
Kristina Beall	Alexandria, VA	2017-01-05	We need to ensure safe, eco-friendly, and healthy alternatives to car traffic around Arlington.
Grant Mandsager	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I bike my kids to school right near this site and would provide more safe routes for me to use my bike to transport my family around Arlington.

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Pamela Van Hine	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Safe, pleasant, convenient, and contiguous access for pedestrians and cyclists throughout our area is essential - for individuals, for the environment, and for the community as a whole.
Robyn Carter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	As a long term resident of Alcova Heights, I oppose NFATC expanding closer to the homes of Alcova Heights as I believe this could have a negative impact on home values and will add that much more clutter to an already cluttered Arlington footprint thanks to things getting built larger and more closely placed both commercially and residentially. Expanding the facility closer to Alcova Heights will just add that much more to the crowding.
Robert Kraig	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Large compounds inaccessible to the public reduce the feasibility of utility bicycling and walking in the surrounding community. Yet active transportation options are becoming increasingly essential to Arlington's livability in the 21st century. Perimeter trails can help to mitigate the problem. We need to add such trails, not subtract them.
Susan DuBois	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I'm signing because this is where my kids went sledding as young children, where they learned to ride bikes; where I walk with my husband a friends several times a week; where we've watched eclipses and satellites - and how I walk to church on nice Sunday mornings. It's also how children from Barcroft walk safely to Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Please keep this open as a safe and lovely space for our community to use in a respectful manner!
Gallardo Derek	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I'm signing get this because I object to the removal of the only existing pedestrian path between South George Mason and S. Quincy St.
R Brown	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	My oldest learned to ride her bike on this path-- my youngest is still learning and needs a safe, uncrowded path like this one to master her bike. This is how I walked my kids to preschool, how I walk to church, and the only place to safely ride a bike back and forth across George Mason if little legs can't manage the 8th Street hill. Loss of this path would seriously undermine my alternate transportation in Alcova Heights.
Cathy Hunter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	my neighborhood is adjacent to NFATC, and I'm hoping they will take the concerns of the neighborhood into account.
Doug DuBois	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I live in Alcova Height neighborhood and have enjoyed using the pathway regularly for 20+ years. I think it is important to have good neighborly relations between individuals and businesses/institutions in our communities.
Lois Koontz	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I'm signing because I enjoy walking the neighborhood and that path lets me avoid walking route 50 and the segment of George Mason with all the entrances and exits to the NFATC. This feels like a senseless erosion of access across the region, including Arlington Cemetery.
Andrew Olesen	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Changes should move towards encouraging non-motorized connections in our neighborhoods, not inhibiting them.
Edward Ferriter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I live in ALCOVA Heights and use this pedestrian path on a regular basis. I also plan on teaching my daughter to ride a bike on this path. Continuing the path between 5th and 6th Streets is a great idea and will give the neighborhood another pedestrian friendly path.
Ted Irvine	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	my kids and I use this trail
Robert M. Dawson	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	This is an important issue for residents of Alcova Heights, particularly for those with children attending Thomas Jefferson.
Richard Bullington-McGuire	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Bike and pedestrian connections in this area of Arlington really need improvement so that people can travel through and among their neighborhoods safely!

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Glenn Grigg	Sunnyvale, CA	2017-01-05	I am a bicycle and pedestrian advocate known for bicycle facilities design and detection at traffic signals.
Ingrid Willenz-Isaacs	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	This path is an important walkway and green space in our neighborhood.
Beth Connors	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I live about one block from the path and use it regularly to walk my dog and bike!
Doug English	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	The pedestrian path joining the two sections of this neighborhood is important for people living in and traveling through this area.
Eric Lanman	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	This is an important East-West pedestrian and bicycle transit point for the local community. I and others use it regularly. It's long been a community wide asset and should remain so.
John Snyder	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	This is an important neighborhood connection.
Elaine Stewart	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I walk my kids to school and walk to work using the path, and it is the only place for kids to sled in the winter
Joyce Kennemer	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I support the prospect of keeping a pedestrian and bike path along the southern perimeter of the NFATC site because I use this path several times a week. This is a community asset that is valued and well used.
John Merica	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	We need to keep that path open!
Jim Jacobs	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	I use this path regularly so it's removal will effect me directly.
Mark Manlove	Arlington, VA	2017-01-05	Our family uses this path on a daily basis. The path provides a safe and vital east-west connection between Route 50, George Mason and Glebe Road.
Laurie Miller	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	Maintaining the path as a safe access route for pedestrians and bicyclists is important to our community.
Rodrigo Abela	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	Connectivity is important to fostering community. Our neighborhood is already split in 2 by this property and this planning effort should try to increase connectivity not take it away.
Cindy Fischer	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I am an Alcova Heights Resident who regularly uses the pedestrian path.
Kristin Ferriter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I'm an Alcova Heights resident who regularly uses this path and wants to keep our neighborhood accessible and connected.
Elizabeth Berke Valencia	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I live in the adjacent neighborhood and completely agree with the petition.
Kelly Reed	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	This path and open soace is an important asset for our children, community, and quality of lives. Please respect us as neighbors and keep these important assets open to all.
Martha gibbons	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	This path connects neighborhoods, provides a safe passage to the local grade school and can connect Barcroft to the community center at TJ. It also provides green space to the community. It is the place where I most often see the neighborhood red fox family.
Larisa deGraffenreid	Reston, VA	2017-01-06	My wife bike commutes along this route and not having a safe travel route is very dangerous for her.
Lauren Vogel	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I am an Alcova Heights resident who likes to walk instead of driving places. I frequently use this trail to access local roadways and I object this proposal.
Alice O'Neill	San Pedro, CA	2017-01-06	If you want it Danielle, then it must be a good idea bing for your neighborhood.
Rachel berry	Alexandria, VA	2017-01-06	I want more safe bike routes in Arlington.
Felicite Midden	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use the path on a weekly basis for running or walks with my preschool aged children.
Jonathan Baumgarten	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	This path and this section of the park are needed by our community.

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Matthew Connors	ARLINGTON, VA	2017-01-06	I use the pedestrian path on a regular basis. It allows me to walk to the Unitarian Universalist church and provides an access route to the bike trail. Please do not remove this path!
Walter Green	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	From April to November, I use this path virtually every day.
Maria Durgan	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I think the path is necessary, and it's just like the Govt to propose this when they think no one is paying attention.
Tim Torma	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	Pedestrian route directness is one of the most important factors that influences whether people choose to walk. Or, in plain English: if you have to walk far out of your way to get from point A to point B, you will choose another way if traveling if you can.
Kelley Westenhoff	Reston, VA	2017-01-06	The lack of safe passage hurts the most vulnerable residents of Arlington the worst. NFATC should be required to comply with the County's Transportation Master Plan.
Richard Rynders	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I'm signing this because I believe we need more protected bike paths/lanes in our region.
Lisa Twedt	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	Having accessible bike commuting routes helps keep pollution down, creates less car road congestion, and reduces the amount of funds the Government expends on metro fares. Those of us that can bike to work use our government pass transportation subsidy less. While this might not seem like a lot of money, cumulatively over time it adds up.
Mark Deegan	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use this path regularly and on weekends with my kids. This is a valuable community resource for safety, transportation, and recreation.
Matthew Tschetter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	This easement is unique and needed for people, especially children on the way to school, to bypass busy streets. This east-west trail is important to connecting neighborhoods.
Joy Duncan	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use the pedestrian trail and feel it would be a great loss to the community if it is no longer available.
Terri Wrightson	Rehoboth Beach, DE	2017-01-06	I have lived in Alcova Heights for over 30 years and I remember from civic asso. meetings when Henderson Hall was torn down to create the NFATC, that they promised our community that there would always be public access through the facility. I believe they also promised public green space/park area on their site.
Susan Johnson	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	The access from Quincy to George Mason is best by foot or bike on the nice paved path. It is a good respite from traffic
Sally Diaz-Wells	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I live in Alcova Heights and would like to continue to use the path.
Marie Van Ness	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	The GSA needs to respect and include the needs of the community. It is doable and a win-win for everyone.
Leslie Fearing	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use the path often and it's a beautiful and peaceful part of the neighborhood.
Molly Calkins	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	Improved bike and pedestrian access helps minimize traffic volume, hazards, and delays. NFATC's expansion should not harm neighbors' quality of life and ability to safely walk and pedal the neighborhood.
Blaire Massa	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use this path every day, and it will be the primary way to get to my zoned Elementary School (Barcroft) from my home on 3rd Street S. There are no viable or safe alternatives to this route, especially with children. The extension of the path to 3rd Street S would allow us to avoid walking along Glebe, where numerous bikers use the sidewalks due to the heavy traffic.
Linda Gaines	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I live in the Barcroft neighborhood, and the site is already a hinderance to my ability to walk to various places in Arlington. It just keeps getting worse.

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Mark Wigfield	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	This path is an important link in the pedestrian/cyclist network and would be even more important if extended to TJ
Jill Nusbaum	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I walk that path often and love it.
Russell Mawn	Vestavia Hills, AL	2017-01-06	I ride this area.
Pete W.	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	The neighbors to this expansion have made a great proposal that government officials should respect. NFATC needs to make better use of the land they have and allow the neighbors to continue along the paths they've used for years. Neither Glebe Rd. nor Rt. 50 are pedestrian-friendly. I challenge anyone who disagrees with the safety issues along those roads to walk them day or night if they think those routes are safe for pedestrians.
Tomas Bruzzo	Arlington, VA	2017-01-06	I use the path.
Sheila Fleischhacker	Arlington, VA	2017-01-07	Essential link for ARL pederestratian network
Dan Drinkard	Arlington, VA	2017-01-07	This path was crucial for me when I lived in Alcova Heights. The Arlington Hall Campus already cuts residents of 1st - 7th streets off from reasonable westward travel of any kind, and certainly shouldn't be permitted to make that situation worse. A perimeter path is a great idea if the facility can't be moved someplace more practical (it should be).
Nancy Voigtsberger	Arlington, VA	2017-01-07	The path is a safe way to connect Alcova to George Mason.
R. Wiggins	Arlington, VA	2017-01-07	Arlington is committed to being a pedestrian and bike friendly community. The people who live here understand the needs of the community much better than an organization doing a study. Their voices should be heard and their message heeded.
John Tschetter	Arlington, VA	2017-01-07	I frequently used this path on my afternoon walks.
Brian Pollok	Warrenton, VA	2017-01-07	There is no alternative to this pedestrian trail contrary to what the draft environmental assessment states.
janet draper	arlington, VA	2017-01-08	Keep a path open for the neighborhood!
Sierra Frischknecht	Arlington, VA	2017-01-08	Pedestrian paths in this area keep neighborhoods connected and people active. Please keep it in the plan!
Rebecca Saltiel	Bowie, MD	2017-01-08	I use this path with my son. The path runs through our neighborhood, and would cause disruption and inconvenience to us - and many neighbors - if it was closed.
Jerry Cowden	Arlington, VA	2017-01-08	Implicit in the NFATC's current proposal is the assumption that the needs of pedestrians and cyclists don't really matter. Creating or maintaining walkable communities is critical to a healthy, sustainable future. NFATC's current proposal fails to recognize this.
Daniel Weir	Arlington, VA	2017-01-08	Losing this path would have a severe effect on the connectedness of the neighborhood. The GSA report is simply factually incorrect. The trail connects two parts of an already bifurcated neighborhood, and eliminating that trail would sever that connection.
Henry Dunbar	Arlington, VA	2017-01-08	We need more and better pedestrian and bike connectivity in the county, not less. Please keep this path open and strongly consider the request to extend the path to 3rd and 2nd streets. With a new elementary school being built on the other side of Glebe, this would serve as a vital connection for those children who will walk to school.
Douglas Mueller	Arlington, VA	2017-01-09	Support connected, bikable and walkable, communities and GSA's responsibility to be good neighbors.

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Mark Cole	McLean, VA	2017-01-09	Living in the neighborhood and walking it daily, I fundamentally disagree with the draft Environmental Assessment that eliminating the existing path (S. Geo Mason to S. Quincy St.) will not represent a "significant impact."
eric williams	Arlington, VA	2017-01-09	I use that path and enjoy the adjacent park.
Steve Offutt	Arlington, VA	2017-01-10	As a whole, the DC Metro area is continually making it safer and easier for people to walk and ride bikes. As a good neighbor, NFATC ought to support these efforts by the community within which it resides rather than working against them.
Adam Pearlman	Arlington, VA	2017-01-11	I am a federal employee who has taken training courses at NFATC and fully appreciates the need to maintain security there. But the GSA proposal to expand the fence line to the south and remove the walking path strikes me as unnecessary and, when considering the walkability of the surrounding neighborhood, irresponsible. As an Arlington resident, the path is an important feature to me in this neighborhood, and I consistently see others walking, running, and riding along it, as well. The path is also a main artery for those federal employees in the area who walk to work or training courses at NFATC. The sidewalk along Route 50 is not a viable alternative – it is intimidatingly unsafe, poorly maintained, and completely impassable during several days (and sometimes weeks) each winter. As a federal employee and an Arlington resident, I encourage the GSA and the County to reconsider their proposed action, maintain pedestrian access to the existing path, and study the possibility of expanding the walkway further.
Elizabeth Smith	Arlington, VA	2017-01-11	In their trail use count conducted in September 2016, FSI placed the counter at the trail head at Quincy (just between the concrete barriers). Many, if not most, pedestrians veer off the path along the dirt footpath as a shortcut to the street. Had FSI placed the counter at a midpoint on the trail, their numbers would have more accurately reflected use. Had I known that was the purpose of what I now know was the counter, I would have made sure our three trips every day would have counted. This path is vital to the area and GSA's assertion that any change would have negligible, if any, impact is patently untrue. Their own plan to keep a path there demonstrates this need. The idea that they will gate it for badged employees only shows they are tone-deaf and unnecessarily antagonistic to all their neighbors.
Terrence Kee	Arlington, VA	2017-01-13	Do not close this option as you force residents to walk a longer distance, close off a safe option for kids, etc. Thanks.
Dawn Marrapodi	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	Family uses this bike path daily, as well as the hill
David Wabeke	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	Our family uses that path often
Michael Wilkis	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	Removing the path is an impact on our neighborhood and removes the only safe path for families and especially children.
David Voigtsberger	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	We need the walking path.
Mar Oliphant	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	Neighborhood should not be cut in half.
PATRICIA Walkup	Arlington, VA	2017-01-15	I believe it is important to keep the path that benefits the community. I believe the State Department needs to be sensitive to communities at home and abroad.