



## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF WINDANDTIDE INTO THE CITY OF MUKILTEO?

This seems like a positive step. I love the idea that our taxes would decrease..

[December 11, 2007]

We attended the Annexation meeting this week. We believe it would be bad for Windntide. The property taxes are much higher and I'm sure a sewer assessment would come within a year. They claim we'll get better police & fire but they have no plans to build new stations. The time is now to stop this if we are going to.

[February 28, 2008]

From what I have heard so far, I think it will be good for us – more services and lower taxes???

[June 6, 2008]

Positive if services get better and property taxes do, indeed, go down as promised.

[June 7, 2008]

Thank you for this input opportunity. We are both in favor of the Mukilteo annexation proposal. I don't particularly like the attitude of the Mukilteo government towards neighbors, and this seems to be a way to help mold the personality of that community.

[June 9, 2008]

We are in favor of annexation to Mukilteo.

Our main concern is to stop the poorly planned growth that is eroding our quality of life. We need local leadership from people who are directly affected by how the area is developed in the coming years.

The Snohomish County leadership doesn't care what happens to our quality of life. They have shown a complete inability to handle the increase in population in an intelligent way. Just look at the developments on the Maplewood switchback and the proposed Horseman's Trail. Their current MO is to allow developers to build whatever they want on whatever land they can get their hands on with little responsibility for local impact as long as it meets zoning. A zoning map is not a plan. Where is the vision for the future? There is zero evidence that they care what the future of this area should look like.

Our hope is that being a part of Mukilteo will put an end to this kind of destruction and start an era of intelligent planning. We need a comprehensive design that integrates the new into the existing without damaging the former. There is at least an inkling of this in the Mukilteo Comprehensive Plan (available on their website):

<http://www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us/Page.asp?NavID=57>

For example, dense housing should be placed where there is already density, the transportation system to handle it, a variety of nearby stores and restaurants within walking or biking distance to support it, and even (dare we wish) make sure there is the sewer capacity to handle the extra people.

We like the ideas expressed in their parks and open space plan. We need more pedestrian and bicycle access and less emphasis on driving everywhere, more local shopping, more local restaurants, more self-contained, etc. This is at least being addressed in these plans.

In summary, we're in favor of annexation because we believe better design and planning has a profound affect on quality of life. This in turn can best be achieved by local leadership. We not saying that Mukilteo can always deliver where Snohomish County didn't, but we can't imagine it being worse than the Snohomish County leadership. Being part of Mukilteo will at least mean we will have the powerful built-in incentive of local leaders personally invested in how to address the future of WindandTide and the surrounding areas.

It seems we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining Mukilteo.

[June 9, 2008]

The bigger and more influential Mukilteo gets, the more say we'll have in preventing Snohomish County from allowing commercial aircraft flying over our heads into Paine Field.

[September 4, 2008]