

Dear Ms Drake,

As a 28 year resident of Greenbrae, I would like to address the issue of lights at the Marin Catholic football field. After attending several meetings concerning this issue including the most recent KPAB meeting, I believe there are many issues that need to be addressed. I think that the installation and use of the lights will have a many detrimental effects on the quality of life in the surrounding Greenbrae neighborhood. Among these effects are:

1. An increase in the evening noise level due to practices and games.
2. There will be an increase in evening traffic on Sir Francis Drake. This will be due to students going to and from school, and to and from evening practice. This will mean 4 trips a day for student athletes (and for student fans on game days) as opposed to 2 trips for after school practices. Likewise there will be extra trips for evening games, including football, boys and girls soccer, and lacrosse. Most (Over 80%) of Marin Catholic students travel to campus by auto.
3. And there is the issue of the lights themselves. Although they are LED lights that shine downward, they will shine with daylight intensity, (4000K) and reflect off the plastic green surface. There is also the lighting to and from parking areas and pathways around the field.
4. And finally as Greenbrae residents, we will be required to experience these problems, so that Marin Catholic can increase practice time by 2.5%. The amount of time that athletes can spend in formal practice is limited by league rules, so this amount will be the maximum amount of practice time allowed.

I believe most of us in the community are willing to make sacrifices to benefit the community as a whole. Unfortunately this project offers little or no benefit to the community and requires great sacrifices on the part of the community. It is way out of balance. Over the years Marin Catholic has been a good neighbor for most of us. It was here when we bought our houses, and we knew we would have to live with the traffic and noise on Saturdays. This would be a very big change, and not for the better.

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