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Greg,

Hello, this is Jason and Linda Cavalier and we reside at 271 Nelson Rd in Edgewood, where we have lived for 15 years. We are writing regarding the proposed dog park in Scarsdale, specifically, the proposed location in Drake Field. Our house is directly adjacent to Drake Field.

As dog owners ourselves, we are not opposed to a dog park in Scarsdale but are opposed to the Drake Field location. The Drake Field location seems to lack most of the criteria that we have seen listed for the dog park: Ample parking, sufficient space, access to water, lack of proximity to homes, etc. Drake Field is not a large field to begin with and the addition of a dog park would surely restrict the use of the field for its intended purpose. There is insufficient parking at Drake Field as well, therefore, cars would likely have to park on busy Drake Road or surrounding streets, which are already burdened with parked cars. Furthermore, there is no access to water for the dogs, who are surely going to get thirsty playing with each other.

As you may know, private residences closely surround Drake Field on three sides, unlike the other proposed locations. We can't imagine the noise from a dog park that would be literally feet from our house. We are not sure how Drake Field could have even made the list of proposed sites, let alone be selected.

The village would be far better served to improve the condition of Drake Field, which would increase its utilization. The field is very poorly maintained, but that should not be an excuse to repurpose it for a dog park. Scarsdale needs more, higher quality recreational areas, as it clearly lags in this category compared to most neighboring towns.

Thank you for considering our opinion on this matter. Hopefully, our voice and other voices from the neighborhood will be heard as the village determines a course of action.

Respectfully yours,  
Jason and Linda Cavalier

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