

Get This Trash Away!

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There are so many reasons why a garbage dump should not be put in a residential neighborhood. Can you believe there is a proposal to put one on the Upper East Side? ... I think it is the worst proposal imaginable.

The garbage dump will cost millions of our tax pay dollars when we could buy millions of ice cones instead of a dumb, smelly garbage dump. Wouldn't that be awesome! The value of nearby apartments will decrease because of the smell. But that isn't even the WORST of it.

The trucks that collect the garbage will cause a lot of noise. Residents around the dump will hear noises like Swoosh! Smack! Bang! Is this a way to live? They might get more stressed. There would also be more traffic in the area due to trucks picking up garbage. The garbage trucks would be crushing garbage, Crush! Crush! Crush! There will be more congestion and honking cars. Honk! Honk! This is awful.

The garbage dump will also create air pollution that can impact the health of nearby residents. There are tons of residential buildings around the

area of the garbage dump. Air pollution is known to cause asthma and other related health issues. Smelling the garbage everyday is bad for your lungs. Can you imagine the poor people taking their kids or dogs for a walk to get fresh air and having to smell that? That is terrible.

To top it all off, Asphalt Green, a fitness center will be closing to make room for a garbage dump. How can any politician let this happen to our neighborhood? The news keeps talking about kids being healthy and getting exercise and then they will remove this fitness center. There is a playground, a pool and all kinds of sports classes there. Everything will close down to make room for the new dump. It is important for kids to get exercise and there are very few places in the city like Asphalt Green. Can you believe it will get shut down to make room for trash?

The decision to approve a garbage dump in an area with so many people on the Upper East Side sounds unimaginable. I interviewed a nearby resident named Cindy. I asked her what she thinks is the worst part of having the garbage dump in her

area. She replied, "The noise, and air pollution. It is a problem for the entire community and anyone opposed to the dump can join the website sanetrash.org." If enough people oppose it and work together maybe it can be stopped! We can all make a difference and try to stop this proposal right now!