

What is the Proposed University School Lower Campus Stadium Project?

University School (US) is proposing to build a high school sports stadium on its Lower Campus in Shaker Heights. While US is a valued community partner, the scale of this proposed project represents a major change in the character, activity, noise, traffic, parking, security, and lighting in the middle of a beautiful, quiet, historic residential neighborhood. Below is a summary of what is planned and why neighbors and residents of Shaker Heights are concerned.

What US Plans to Build:

- New Home stands with seating for 644 spectators (east side, back to Ashley Rd)
- Expanded Visitor stands with seating for 263 spectators (west side, school side)
- Additional space for standing room crowds around field
- Platform space for a press box on top of home stands
- Fabric windscreens wrap grandstands allowing for graphics such as advertising
- Public address (PA) system
- Four permanent 80-ft light towers to hold nighttime events
- Chain-link fence enclosing the field and track
- Large 264 square foot scoreboard at north end (facing Brantley Rd)
- Artificial turf field replacing the grass field, lined for football and lacrosse
- Removal of current regulation sized track replaced by practice track
- New roadway off Brantley Road for access to east side of stadium

Concerns for Neighbors:

Neighborhood Character – Massive light towers, large grandstands, graphic windscreens, a huge scoreboard, fencing, possible press box and other facilities will forever alter the character, look and feel of this quiet residential neighborhood.

Traffic & Parking – The lack of parking for 1000+ fans on campus will push cars onto Brantley, Ashley, Claythorne, Shelbourne, Belvoir, and several other nearby streets, creating congestion, traffic safety issues, potentially blocking emergency access.

Safety & Security – Large scale high school events, especially those held at night, will create traffic safety issues, increased foot traffic, loitering, and the need for significant supervision and security in the neighborhood.

Noise Impacts – Crowd noise, whistles, and amplified announcements will carry across the neighborhood and into homes.

Light Pollution – Tall permanent light towers will not only scar the beauty of the neighborhood, but the bright lights and reflected turf glare will illuminate nearby streets and homes.

Property Values – Changes to the beauty and character of the neighborhood along with increased traffic, parking congestion, lighting, noise, safety and security concerns may result in a meaningful reduction in home values that would negatively impact property tax revenue for Shaker Heights and its schools.

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