

It is understandable that there are concerns about south-flying and south-western flying airplanes departing from Centennial Airport that they be diverted from the heavily populated areas of Centennial and Highlands Ranch. And, those areas have a large population of people who have probably complained about noise and we cannot begin to compete with those population numbers. But, by the NIMBY rules – we in Castle Pines North are regretfully embracing the reality that they may now be diverted over the northern part of our community.

We bought our home in this area specifically because it was quiet and separate from the city noises. We also would prefer that planes not inadvertently fly directly over our community. Our recommendation would be that the affected flights depart for 3 miles south of Centennial turn and climb. They should never exceed 4 miles south of Centennial. That should put them south of Sky Ridge Hospital; north of Surrey Ridge and well over the Highlands Ranch designated OPEN space. There is open space on both the east and west side of I-25 in this general area. There are pockets of homes, but not the condensed housing developments found north and south of this area. If pilots could observe the least populated areas, that would be a safer solution and allow the most residents in both communities to have noise abatement.

Please keep our small community in mind when you make your far-reaching decisions. This area is scheduled to grow over the next 10 years. A highway from our area to Parker is slated to be built. The reservoir is going to be filled and many more homes built. However – the permanently designated open space will remain an open space.

Thank you.

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