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Letters to the Editor

DEVELOPMENT

HAWAI'I KAI MARINA MAY NEED PROTECTION

Regarding the Nov. 25 article on algae bloom in Enchanted Lake: It would be a good idea to start researching the long-term ramifications of future development in and around the Hawai'i Kai Marina now before it is too late.

We need proof that our quality of life will not be destroyed. Our voices have been heard in many editorials and through the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board. Hawai'i Kai is tired of urban sprawl.

I hope City Council members have adequate proof before they are faced with a decision to shift the Urban Growth Boundary and allow for a zoning change that will affect many lives. They are the final decision-makers, although this whole matter could be avoided if the landowner, Kamehameha Schools, should have a change of heart and decide not to sell the 87 acres of open space that means so much to our community.

Water quality is acceptable for now, but how long will this last? It has been stated many times that the marina is a catch basin for rain runoff, but there is no proof that development runoff won't affect the water quality. Fish will die and water in the upper pond closest to the valley will become stagnant since it is farthest from the ocean.

Kamilo Nui Valley farmlands are outside the Urban Growth Boundary, and the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan is in effect till 2020. There is a good reason for this time line — to see how Hawai'i Kai's infrastructure adapts to its recent growth.

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