



February 17, 2026

Mayor Tracy Engerman & City Council of Castle Pines  
7437 Village Square Drive, Suite 200  
Castle Pines, CO 80108

Dear Mayor Engerman and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Town of Castle Rock, I write to express substantial concerns with the proposed development along Crowfoot Valley Road designated as “Crowsnest.” We are reticent to provide comments to a fellow municipality as we both respect our Home Rule authority to solely chart the best course for our respective communities. However, the proposed Crowsnest development will potentially foist substantial harm on the Town of Castle Rock and our residents if several issues remain unattended or unmitigated. This should not come as a surprise concern because the required odd flag-pole annexation and distance from contiguous Castle Pines boundaries forecasts problems with the development from the outset.

A primary concern is that this proposed development will generate substantial traffic seeking I-25 access that will be placed on south bound Crowfoot hitting Castle Rock boundaries and eventually spilling into an already burdened Founders Parkway/ State Highway 86. This traffic – which will never touch the rest of Castle Pines – will significantly create traffic safety and congestion concerns for Castle Rock. The Crowsnest development should not receive a building permit without the opening of a new road – through Castle Pines – which is planned through the Canyons development with a connection at Crowfoot Valley Road. The planned Canyonside Road should be built and opened prior to the development of Crowsnest.

An additional concern is the lack of a will serve letter from Parker Water and Sanitation District (Parker W&S) for Crowsnest. If Crowsnest is seeking to have its own water system served solely off of a non-renewable groundwater supply – rather than connect with Parker W&S, this may endanger groundwater supplies that currently serve Castle Rock. The entire region is moving towards a renewable water supply. Given the size of the proposed development and the location, this development must be connected to an existing water provider with access to renewable water supplies like Parker W&S. We would strongly oppose a system developed based solely off of non-renewable groundwater as potentially damaging to our long-term water supplies and the needs of Castle Rock and the broader region.

We also believe a full wildlife impact study should be conducted prior to any development approvals, including necessary reviews for nesting birds and avoidance of habitat destruction. We join the Town of Parker and their concerns about the proposed Crowsnest development as well.

We trust that the City of Castle Pines will take our comments in the spirit they are delivered – respectful of Castle Pines’ authority to make its own land use decisions in the necessary ways to

avoid harming its' neighbors and ensuring that both our communities continue to thrive and prosper. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray  
Mayor

c: Mayor Joshua Rivera, Town of Parker