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Greetings,

This message is to provide written comments to the board concerning my thoughts on the proposed expansion/ creation of a new quarry on Center Rd. Any CUP approval must meet all 8 of the standards. I believe this CUP fails to meet several of those standards. My interpretation and thoughts on how it relates to the 8 standards that the CUP must meet:

Std 1. Approving the cup will lead to an increase in dump truck traffic. I and my family enjoy walking the dogs, jogging, riding bikes, and other activities on the road. The increase in dump truck traffic will make those activities less safe, enjoyable, and pleasant. Most importantly the added danger. I should be able to feel good about letting my kids ride their bike on the road. As Rutland continues its transition to more rural/residential, this conflict with pedestrians will only continue to increase.

Std 2. This mirrors much of what is listed for std. 1. Using the road will become more dangerous and unpleasant. Even mowing the grass will become more dangerous. Enjoying the peace and quiet will be negatively impacted by the substantial noise a dump truck makes cruising down the road.

Std 3. I think few people would want to live near a gravel pit with heavy truck traffic. It will render the surrounding area less desirable for the future development. That will lead to reduced future tax dollars our community uses to maintain services - such as roads. People will choose to live elsewhere.

Std 4. I have seen when jogging past the pit that water from the pit is pumped into the ditch along the side of the road. I believe that drainage travels across Center Rd and then crosses Old Stage Rd and empties into the wetland and creek that is situated between Center Rd and Lake Kegonsa Rd. Eventually flowing into the Badfish creek and then Yahara river. I question the legality of this. My understanding is you can't make your water somebody else's problem. How clean is that water?

Std 7. Approval of the CUP is not consistent with multiple elements of the Rutland Comprehensive Plan. Center Rd is designated as both a future "Rustic Rd" and also a future bike route. The future bike route is incompatible with actions that will lead to any increase in heavy truck traffic. It is a basic safety issue not to mention the general unpleasantness of the truck traffic. Center Rd is hilly and has several blind hills. It is not a good route to encourage additional truck traffic. It is a safety concern. Agriculture will be reduced and the "rural town feel" will be skewed towards an industrial feel. A large gravel pit that people do not want to live near will encourage additional operations that will continue to degrade what the town of Rutland's comprehensive plan values. A rural agriculture/ rural residential place to live.

Other important factor-

There is no shortage of gravel for town residents. There are several active pits in and near the township. If town residents want gravel they have several local options to contact.

Additional heavy truck traffic is hard on the roads that the town struggles to maintain. Additional maintenance will be required that incur costs.

Groundwater - pumping the water out of the quarry will impact wells in the area.

Wetlands - Dumping the water to runoff into wetlands is irresponsible at a minimum. They are sensitive environments that need balance.

I believe the CUP should not be approved because it clearly fails to meet multiple different standards that it is required to meet. It will reduce potential tax base and cause additional maintenance costs. The safety issue is extremely important to me.

Thank you

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