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For the record
Letter sent to ZLR Board members
Concerning CUP 2563

Dear Supervisor Bollig,

Ref: CUP 2563

I have just reviewed the set of conditions suggested by the ZLR staff for the above CUP application and wish to share my concerns with them and the overall process by which they were formed.

They are conditions that fail to address the most troublesome side effects of gravel mines that I and neighbors have identified and illustrated through careful measurements. As we documented, these disturb the peace and quiet of our neighborhood and undermine property values which in many cases are our main financial assets.

A case in point of many is the absence of a meaningful restriction on noise pollution in the form of a numerical limit set in decibels. This is doubly frustrating as in the case of the asphalt plant CUP at the Village of Brooklyn, WI mine site last year, (and that you voted to approve) the staff set an upper bound of 65 decibels at the fence line, a level that is still too high but at least established recognition that limits on mining related activities near residences are needed. It is as if the ZLR staff did not read our submissions, or if they read them, chose to dismiss them.

Supervisor Bollig, we are a loose collection of neighbors of limited means whose peace and properties are threatened by a proposed incompatible and disruptive use. We are facing a federal government subsidized business that has the backing of a trade association whose coffers are filled with dues from similarly subsidized gravel operators throughout Wisconsin. It is a tilted playing field against which our main bulwark is you, our direct neighboring representative.

We have demonstrated that the application failed to meet statutory requirements set out in Dane County's ordinances. We have documented the real-world impact of this use on the development potential of neighboring properties. Attempts to reach a compromise have been rebuffed and the application that failed to meet the standards 18 months ago was resubmitted with no modifications

to mitigate its most disruptive aspects. We followed guidelines laid out in Act 67 and fulfilled our part in showing that the application did not meet the requirements necessary for it to be granted.

Adding insult to injury are the weak to nonexistent conditions that the Dane County ZLR staff set up to cover this operation for the next 20 years. This is a department that is shielded from accountability by a Dane County taxpayer funded legal staff with essentially unlimited means to battle us in the courts should that be our final recourse.

I ask that you review the body of evidence that I and neighbors presented and follow the facts and law in deciding this permit application.

Sincerely,

Henry Spelter