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Greetings,

This message is to provide written comments concerning my thoughts on the proposed expansion/ creation of a new quarry on Center Rd. A gravel pit and the associated truck traffic is highly disruptive to a peaceful country setting. No set of conditions is adequate to prevent the many negative effects on the local residences.

- The surrounding neighbors purchased their homes with the understanding that the plot of land would either be agricultural or have the split exercised and a home built. People's homes are often their single biggest investment. The value of "splits" near the quarry will plummet. People wanting to build/buy a home in the country don't want a gravel pit for a neighbor- they want peace and quiet.
- The current quarry is small and has a limited useful lifespan left. This CUP would drastically change that.
- The associated truck traffic is a huge concern and the independent drivers are not bound by any limitations on the quarry. They will continue to speed on the roads and create a sense of fear for your and your family's safety when utilizing the road. A larger quarry yields more trucks for a longer period of time.
- Kevin Hann (quarry owner) purchased the land which is zoned for agricultural use. The CUP clearly does not meet all required standards. Surrounding neighbors should not be forced to live with a massive quarry because of his poor business decisions.
- Kevin Hann claims he is just a small business with a small operation, however, if a CUP is granted a large company can easily purchase the quarry and ramp up mining to very high levels
- The previous CUP application for this land was denied because it failed to meet the standards. There is no material difference in this second attempt to obtain a CUP. It still fails.

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 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? How will pumping this water affect the wells in the area? The water table will be lowered and the risk of contamination increases.

Std 7. Approval of the CUP is not consistent with multiple elements of the Rutland Comprehensive Plan. Center Rd is designated as both a "Rustic Road " 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 factors-

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.

Future tax base will be reduced because the area surrounding the quarry will not be attractive to homeowners.

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

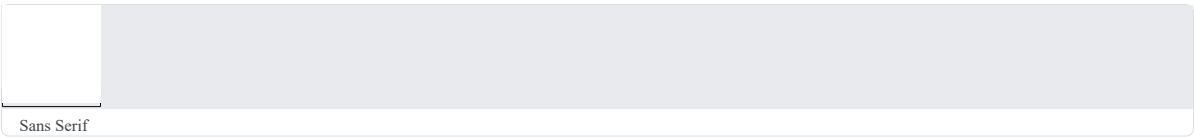
I believe the CUP should not be approved because it clearly fails to meet multiple different standards that it is required to meet. It will reduce potential tax base and cause additional maintenance costs. The safety issue is extremely important to me.

If you lived near the quarry and the adjoining land, Would you want the CUP approved? If your kids were on that road, or your pet? To hear the explosions and the trucks speeding down the road?

Thank you

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