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Greetings,

This message is to provide written comments concerning my thoughts on the proposed expansion/ creation of a quarry. The associated truck traffic is highly disruptive to a peaceful country setting. No set of conditions is adequate to protect the surrounding area.

- The surrounding neighbors purchased their homes with the understanding that the plot of land would be used for a quarry. People's homes are often their single biggest investment. The value of "splits" near the quarry in a country setting 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 the surrounding area.
- The associated truck traffic is a huge concern and the independent drivers are not bound by any limitations on the roads and create a sense of fear for you and your family's safety when utilizing the road. A large quarry would create a sense of fear for you and your family's safety when utilizing the road.
- Kevin Hann (quarry owner) purchased the land which is zoned for agricultural use. The CUP clearly does not meet the standards and 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 quarry would be mining to very high levels.
- The previous CUP application for this land was denied because it failed to meet the standards. There is no way this CUP will meet the standards. It still fails.

**Any CUP approval must meet all 8 of the standards. I believe this CUP fails to meet several of those standards. This CUP does not relate 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 dog on the road. The increase in dump truck traffic will make those activities less safe, enjoyable, and pleasant. Most in the area are about letting my kids ride their bike on the road. As Rutland continues its transition to more rural/residential, the road will become more dangerous and unpleasant.

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

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 and 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 Center Rd and then crosses Old Stage Rd and empties into the wetland and creek that is situated between Center Rd and Old Stage Rd and then Yahara river. I question the legality of this. My understanding is you can't make your water discharge into a wetland. Will pumping this water affect the wells in the area? The water table will be lowered and the risk of contamination will increase.

Std 7. Approval of the CUP is not consistent with multiple elements of the Rutland Comprehensive Plan. Center Rd is not a good route for a future bike route. The future bike route is incompatible with actions that will lead to any increase in heavy truck traffic and the general unpleasantness of the truck traffic. Center Rd is hilly and has several blind hills. It is not a good route for a bike route. A major concern. Agriculture will be reduced and the "rural town feel" will be skewed towards an industrial feel. A large number of operations will encourage additional operations that will continue to degrade what the town of Rutland's comprehensive plan.

### **Other important factors-**

There is no shortage of gravel for town residents. There are several active pits in and near the township. If you need gravel, contact the township.

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

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.

I believe the CUP should not be approved because it clearly fails to meet multiple different standards that it is intended to meet. It will 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 the road with trucks speeding down the road?

Thank you

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