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Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee
Public Hearing June 28, 2022
To allow crushing at existing non-metallic mineral extraction site
Town of Verona/Section 28
Curt & Deb Herfel
1977 State HWY 69

Dear ZLR Committee members,

In the history of this site, approval was denied several times by both the town and county. The last time it was denied approval, in order to get the CUP on the agenda again when there were enough county board members who would vote for it, Payne and Dolan had to change one item to bring this CUP back sooner than the required waiting period. At that time, the rock crusher was taken out of the proposal and they said it wasn't really necessary because the material at this site can be mostly dug out and used as is.

Recently, Dane County spent millions of dollars to preserve the Sugar River area as a beautiful recreational area. There are many people who park on Riverside Road to kayak, canoe, go tubing

and fish on a daily basis on the Sugar River; and who walk or bike on Riverside Road. From previous experience with this CUP during Phase I on east side of Hwy 69, there is a lot of noise and dust, especially dust, even on weekends. Noise is always louder and travels a long distance because of the Sugar River valley and so does dust, because it's usually very windy!

Since Payne & Dolan started working on the current site less than 100 feet from our yard, we have to avoid being outside as much as possible but when we have to take care of our yard, we get grit in our eyes and on us. Dust not only covers things on the outside but it comes inside through the exhaust fan! We can not enjoy fresh air and have to pay for air conditioning because our windows have to be shut. This is affecting our health and the enjoyment of our home during our retirement years when we are home all the time.

Curt and Deb Herfel do not live here and we know her health would be affected so please consider that.

Please don't add more dust and noise by approving the crusher when it wasn't necessary and not used on site during Phase 1 of this CUP; even though Payne & Dolan says crushing will shorten the life of this extraction site when really the economy will determine the need of this product and not the crushing.

We are not speaking against Payne & Dolan as we have worked directly with them on any issues that we've had, i.e., well water tests not being done or not sent to us, trucks that are constantly jake breaking in and out of the pit or loaded dump trucks entering state Hwy 69 that are not tarped. We can't begin to tell you how many stone chips we have gotten and that's not because Payne & Dolan don't sweep Hwy 69, but they can't possibly sweep after every truck leaving the pit. They can't soften the noise of the trucks or the end loaders roaring into the pile to load, or the constant back up beeper sounds of equipment even when they're avoiding backing up as much as possible. Neither do they have constant water sprinklers to control dust. These are all issues Payne & Dolan plan to keep in check, but there is no one responsibly watching the CUP on a regular basis and neighbors shouldn't have to be calling to report issues.

If you approve this, who at the county will be responsible for making sure the CUP conditions are met?

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