

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jennifer and I am a resident of East Ferris, I live on Lavigne road with my family, in very close proximity to Champagne Aggregates. I am writing today in response to a letter that I had received in the mail regarding the expansion of the quarry. I have some major concerns when it comes to a bigger quarry in our back yard, such as but not limited to; visual intrusion, damage to landscapes, traffic, smoke, noise, dust, loss of land, and a deterioration in water quality.

There was a massive blast that went off without any sort of warning a few weeks back that was so violent that it shook our whole house tremendously, it terrified us and our children; as it was completely unexpected. The damage from blasts like that one and multiple other blasts that we have felt on a smaller scale, leaves the residents of our community susceptible to damage to our homes and property. Another more concerning result of quarrying is that it disrupts the existing movement of surface water and groundwater; it interrupts natural water recharge and can lead to reduced quantity and quality of drinking water for residents and wildlife near or downstream from a quarry site. This should especially be taken into consideration, as Lavigne road and Champagne Aggregates backs onto a large area of marsh and wetland.

The main reason why we moved to East Ferris was because it is quiet and has such a vast amount of untouched natural beauty and a thriving ecosystem that strongly supports biodiversity. The noise pollution caused by quarrying is not only disruptive to the people in the community, but it has a negative effect on wildlife as well. Expanding the quarry will displace more animals from their homes, and stress out and scare many more of them away due to the noise pollution. When I sit in my back yard enjoying the peace and quiet, all that I can hear is the machinery in the quarry, It is extremely disruptive. Another major issue is the damage and stress that our vehicles have to endure because of the constant potholes in the road from heavy trucking loads; sometimes it gets so bad that I don't even know how people with small cars can get through it, I can't even imagine how bad it will be with even more loads going through the road.

The fact that the township of East Ferris would even entertain the idea of expanding an already big enough quarry speaks volumes to me, that the environment and certainly not the residents are of any concern regarding this proposal. My family and many other families in the area can certainly not afford any more blasts threatening the structure of our home, the safety of our drinking water and the air that we breath. Invest in protecting the environment, not threatening it.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Post-Schieven, Emanuel Pacheco
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