

From: Mary-Ann Welland
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:20 AM
To: Rudy, Jo-Anne <Jo-Anne.Rudy@burlington.ca>; Greenough, Mallory <Mallory.Greenough@burlington.ca>
Subject: Objection regarding Nelson Aggregates quarry, file 505-04/20

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern, I'm unable to attend the September 18th meeting regarding the quarry's expansion application on Burlington's Greenbelt. Here are some reasons why the Greenbelt should be protected on this plateau of land:

- 1) The quarry sits in the middle of a plateau of land, 1951 hectares, with wildlife needing room to migrate. By today's standards, this quarry should never have been allowed to exist. They've excavated 11.9% already so it's time to stop. There are enough quarries in southern Ontario to meet demand.
- 2) The quarry now sits within 3 km of urban Burlington (current population over 200,000). In 1953 when the quarry first began, most Burlington residents (pop. 6,000) lived south of the QEW. Residents in 1953 were told by the original quarry owners that operations would wind down by the year 2000. That's why homes were being built on the escarpment, especially since the urban sprawl was moving further north. I don't trust that even more expansion would happen in the future.
- 3) My house is 1 km away from the western edge of the quarry and has had drywall and brick damage in the 1970's with the previous quarry owners paying for fixing the damages. I understand there are better blasting controls and my house only shakes with each blast. If the quarry is allowed to expand westwards, many homes will be greatly affected from blast damage. Also, the dust particles that blow will cover everyone's homes as it currently does on No. 2 Sideroad. I'm sure it's not safe to inhale those particles.
- 4) Truck exhaust and gravel flying makes me avoid using Guelph Line. That will only get worse. I worry for the safety of residents/vehicles with more truck volume and more Burlington residents using Guelph Line to access parks.
- 5) The quarry is allowed to bring in soil and other fill with only some being sampled. It's a concern that there are contaminants allowed to sit below water table. Perhaps the Province's standards need to be updated when a quarry is so close to residents using well-water. The quality and quantity of well water is a concern for many.

Thank you.
Mary-Ann Welland