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Subject: Objection regarding Nelson Aggregates quarry, file 505-04/20

To whom it may concern,

In the event I am unable to attend the September 18th meeting regarding the quarry's expansion application on Burlington's Greenbelt, I wish to submit this email. Here are some reasons why the Greenbelt should be protected on this plateau of land:

- The further destruction of wetlands and protected species habitats on the Niagara Escarpment. Should we not be trying to protect this UNESCO designated "World Biosphere Reserve"?
- Nelson Aggregates acknowledges there may be issues with an expansion affecting the local aquifers which provide drinking water to North Burlington residents. Lowering the water table and robbing the local area of groundwater also has an affect on downstream wetlands and eventually even the water flow into Lake Ontario. With so many unknowns, and very little understanding of what may happen to our drinking water supply, why are we allowing them to create this risk?
- The home we live in has suffered blast damage, a brick fireplace was rebuilt, drywall repairs had to be done. Please don't allow them to bring the blasting closer to the residential area and protect our homes from this destruction.
- Instead of depleting our natural resources, has sufficient consideration been given to the idea of recycling aggregate from asphalt and concrete? Why do many municipalities limit or prohibit this process? If the goal is to divert waste, lower fuel consumption and reduce our carbon footprint, recycling these products only makes sense. It would also eliminate these products ending up in our rapidly filling landfill sites.

The decisions made now by politicians and professionals will impact City of Burlington residents for generations to come. Please decide in favour of a living escarpment.

Thank you for your time and due consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Matt Welland

