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BULK Conditional Use Permit

message

Chanley DeCook' via Planning & Zoning <planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us>
Reply-To: Chanley DeCook <chanleydecook@icloud.com>
From: planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 12:10 PM

This email regards the application of NorthStar Construction conditional use permit.

I live on Homestake rd approximately a mile from where the new quarry would be. I have concerns about road maintenance/safety, keeping agricultural land exactly as it is agricultural, and simply not needing two quarries in the same vicinity.

The trucks traveling now already impact the road, traffic, noise, safety of other vehicles, safety of cyclists, and safety of anyone near the road including livestock. We simply do not need an increase in these adverse impacts already felt by the neighborhood. I would also like to mention that these trucks are driving over a bridge that was damaged a few years back that the county never repaired.

The land where the new quarry would be located has always been ag land and should remain that way. We need to remember our roots and protect our community on Homestake road.

My last point is the question of why must there be two quarries so close to each other? There are plenty of quarries in our surrounding area and to add another right on top of an existing quarry seems dumb to me. I am picking up a sense of greed and poor intentions from this new application.

Sent from my iPhone



Re: Small quarry Applications Homestake Rd., Lawrence county

message

From: <bonniegebhardt@yahoo.com>

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 11:26 AM

To: avogt@lawrence.sd.us

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> Dear Ms. Vogt and Lawrence County Planning and Zoning Board members,
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> I am writing in opposition to the North Star Construction and GF Development LLC, and the Larson family LLP/Croell Redi-Mix applications for Small-scale Quarries due to environmental impact. Every gravel pit degrades the natural environment by creating noise, dust, intrusive truck traffic, and damages ecosystems and irreplaceable water aquifers.
> Natural water recharging is disrupted by the blasting, mining, and removal of natural vegetation, topsoil, and subsoil to reach the gravel. This can affect nearby residential wells and leads to the loss of existing wildlife.
> Gravel pits produce a fine dust containing crystalline silica which is a known carcinogen. This is a windy area where the dust cannot be contained.
> As a land owner in the area, I hope you will deny both requests for small scale quarries.
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> Sincerely,
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> Bonnie Gebhardt
> Bar 10 LLC
> 556 Saint Andrews Dr.
> Bozeman, MT 59715
> 406 600-4592
> bonniegebhardt@yahoo.com
> Sent from my iPhone



Quarries

messages

From: B running <xskirabbit@hotmail.com>
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Wed, May 3, 2023 at 10:01 AM

609 Bridgewater Ct
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605-641-5311
May 3, 2023

Dear Ms. Vogt and Lawrence County Planning and Zoning Board,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the two proposed quarries off Homestake Road by GF Development LLC and the Larson Family.

My family has owned 360 acres to the SE of the proposed quarries for over 50 years. The Crow Peak bench area is home to many elk, deer, coyotes, turkeys, birds and other animals. It is one of the most scenic areas around Spearfish with vistas of the Bear Lodge and Wyoming.

A quarry is an incredible eyesore and permanently disfigures the environment.

The constant noise and dust created by multiple trucks burning fuel and quarry machinery can lead to health concerns. Increased traffic on Homestake Road is a major safety concern, also.

Limestone mining can affect ground water conditions. Limestone deposits often occur with karst where limestone slowly dissolves underground. The deposits result in sinkholes, caves and areas of rock fractures that form underground drainage areas. The Madison Aquifer is a karst aquifer. Our property contains the headwaters of Datum Creek. The spring is lifesaving to elk, deer, birds and the cattle that are pastured there. Digging into the ground skews the balance of the ecosystem including the water supply.

The habit is completely destroyed by gravel quarries. They create social and environmental damage. Please consider my concerns and deny these two requests.

Sincerely,
Barbara Running
Bar 10 LLC

Sent from my iPhone

From: Amber Vogt <avogt@lawrence.sd.us>
To: B running <xskirabbit@hotmail.com>

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 10:34 AM

This is the 2nd email letter we have received from you so both will be in the packets.

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How to Build Community: Leave your House; Talk to Your Neighbors; Sit on the Stoop; Ask Questions; Buy from Local Merchants; Barter for Your Goods; Talk to Your Mail Carrier; Hire Young People for a Job; Be a Part of the Solution"



Opposition to gravel pits

message

Jessy & Stacie Dietrich <jessystaciedietrich@gmail.com>
o: Planning.zoning@lawrence.sd.us

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 11:23 AM

My name is Jessy Dietrich. My family lives at 19984 Gobbler Rd in Wild Turkey Estates. I am writing in strong opposition to the gravel pits that are planned on Homestake rd. The first reason being air quality and dust pollution. With the strong northwesterly winds that this area gets quite frequently there will be major affects with the pits this close to houses. Another reason being diminished property values. There are numerous homes in this area that have been built and that are being constructed that are well over the million dollar mark. This will have a major impact on the values and resale of the properties around these pits. With the pits in such close proximity to numerous housing developments it will be affecting a large number of people.

I am writing this letter to express my strong opposition in allowing the conditional use permit of another gravel pit on Homestake Rd by North Star.

First of all, as residents/property owners with young children living very close to where this would be, it is a major concern for traffic and the safety of pedestrians. There are already many gravel trucks hauling on the road since there is a gravel pit already right there. The number of trucks that already haul on the road has created rougher road conditions and more wear and tear on the gravel. With two gravel pits within miles already on this road it does not make sense to start another one.

The property is currently ag land and if it is to be turned into a gravel pit the land will no longer hold that value. Wildlife have always been observed in the area, including a large herd of elk, and any development could destroy their habitat or their travel patterns.

It is also very frustrating as neighbors living so close to this location that we were not notified in a better way that this was happening and that there isn't more information on where it will be and how big of an operation, they are planning to make it.

I urge this conditional use permit to have another gravel pit started by North Star be halted, and from discussions with neighbors, I know my opinions are shared by many who are not able to attend the meeting and had concerns with writing letters.

Thank you for your time.



Gravel Pit Permit proposals

message

steph01@gmail.com <bsteph01@gmail.com>
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Tue, May 2, 2023 at 7:05 PM

Planning & Zoning Members,

We would like to express our opposition for the proposed gravel pit permits on Homestake Rd. The proposed permits are adjacent to our property. There is currently a gravel pit less than a mile from where we live. The noise, traffic and dust generated from the current gravel pit are very bothersome, to have two additional pits right next to us would not only be extremely annoying but would also severely diminish our property value and quality of life. One of the reasons we purchased this property was because of the peaceful and beautiful surroundings it provides.

Please reject the proposed permits!

Sincerely,

Bret and Jennifer Stephens
10386 Homestake Rd
Spearfish, SD 57783

Sent from my iPhone