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Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
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Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

I am respectfully writing in strong opposition to the Cashman/GFI proposed implementation of a quarry in the middle of our town, Gales Ferry.

My specific concerns are:

Raising two small girls under a mile from the proposed quarry is deeply concerning for me for their health and well being. The possible spread of dangerous crystalline silica dust that could cause long term damage to them is unfathomable. Furthermore, I'm not only worried for my 2 children but my neighbor's children and the thousands of children that attend Juliet Long School, Gales Ferry School and Ledyard Middle School. This not only impacts those in our corner of Gales Ferry but those across Ledyard as a whole, and not to mention the countless others communities that travel her for sporting events, etc. at the schools.

Buying our house here 10 years ago, we knew that the taxes were some of the highest in the region yet we still chose to come here: the perfect quiet neighborhood, close to schools, with the best community. Never could I have imagined starting a family and having to raise them next to an active rock quarry that could cause them problems to them for the rest of their life. As a parent, all we ever want to do is protect our children and set them up to live out their best life - the Cashman/GFI proposed quarry will be detrimental to that. I am all for bringing businesses to this town but not at the expense of my children's health.

I would like to cite the following regulations as they pertain to my concerns -

- 9.1 Site Design Requirements are intended to:
 - protect public health, safety, welfare, property values, and natural resources.
 - encourage site design and development that is efficient, effective and in keeping with the general architecture, rhythm, aesthetics, and existing development pattern/layout in the immediate neighborhood.
- 9.2.C Performance Standards: Uses shall be designed to minimize any injury or nuisance to nearby premises by reason of noise, vibration, radiation, fire and explosive hazard, electromagnetic interference, humidity, heat, glare, and other physical impacts that may be caused by the use.
- 9.2.C The following performance standards shall apply to all uses of land subject to Chapter 9 of these Regulations.
 - 9.2.C.1 No dust, dirt, fly ash or smoke shall be emitted into the air so as to endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare, or to decrease the value or enjoyment of other property or to constitute an objectionable source of air pollution.
 - 9.2.C.2 No offensive odors or noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases shall be emitted into the air.

Thank you for your time!

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