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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 first concern with the Mt. Decatur project (among others) has to do with the traffic flow on Route 12, and this would relate to **Zoning Regulation 11.3.4. B**, which states that:

**“Transportation services would be adequate and that the uses would not cause traffic congestion or undue traffic generation that would have a deleterious effect on the welfare or safety of the motoring public.”**

--I feel that the huge number of truck trips in and out of the Cashman property will cause a huge disruption to the traffic flow, whether they are headed North to 395 or South to 95.

--It will have an adverse effect on school bus schedules, emergency vehicles, and regular vehicle traffic. These heavily-loaded trucks will not be able to keep traffic moving smoothly.

--In addition, I want to point out that major accidents on 395, 95 and the Gold Star Bridge are becoming more and more common, and when this happens Route 12 becomes a parking lot very quickly. We saw this happen again just last week. The last thing Route 12 needs in these situations is more big trucks clogging the roadway.

My second concern is about the production of air pollution at the quarry, and this would relate to Zoning Regulation 11.3.4.C, which states that:

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**“ . . the use would not be noxious, offensive, or detrimental to the area by reason of odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibrations, appearance, or other similar reasons.”**

This concern would also relate to Zoning Regulation 113.4.F which states that:

**“ . . the proposed uses would not cause any unreasonable pollution, impairment or destruction of the air, water, and other natural resources of the state.**

--Two elementary schools and a middle school are approximately ½ mile from the proposed quarry, and the Gales Ferry United Methodist Child Care Center is on property that abuts the Mt. Decatur property. My grandchildren will be attending all four of these facilities, and it is scary to think about the particulates that they will be inhaling over many years if this quarry comes to fruition.

--There is also the possibility of the quarry's use polluting the Thames River, which would be greatly detrimental to everyone in the towns that border on the River.

Thank you for your time and consideration and thank you to the Planning and Zoning Board and Ms. Burdick for all that you do for the good of our town!

Sincerely,



Ruth Ann Eichelberg