

23 September 2024

To: Elizabeth Burdick, Ledyard Town Planner
Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission

Re: Gales Ferry Intermodal Application for Quarrying Operation at Allyn's Point

From the town website

“The Mayor’s Office exists to efficiently serve and fulfill the requirements of the community for the residents of the Town of Ledyard by ensuring a **safe** and **pleasant** community in which to live, learn, work, and develop.”

History

The Allyn’s Point property, now proposed by owner Cashman’s “Gales Ferry Intermodal” (GFI) for a quarrying operation, formerly housed Dow Chemical’s three plants (Styrofoam, Styron, and Latex), which were quiet processes considered light industrial. The GFI proposal is for heavy industrial. Dow Chemical put high priority on the health and safety of its employees, its neighbors, and the environment. As a 25-year member of the Dow Community Advisory Panel (now Allyn’s Point CAP), I can attest to Dow’s position as a good neighbor. At each month’s CAP meeting, any noise complaints, odor complaints, and spills were reported to the panel; these were investigated and remediated as necessary. There were very few such complaints or incidents.

Safety

There are three childcare centers, two schools, four churches, small businesses, and many residential neighborhoods within a mile of the Gales Ferry Intermodal (GFI) site. We need more than unsubstantiated assurances that silica dust, water run-off, and increased truck traffic on Route 12 will not produce air pollution, well contamination, and traffic dangers to the people who live, work, and commute in this section of town. Will the DEEP be monitoring air quality and ground water quality on a regular basis? Will medical authorities be monitoring pulmonary health among GFI employees and neighbors?

Noise

Five to ten years of blasting and processing of granite plus the increased truck traffic would be constant sources of noise pollution. The 100 truck trips per day, as advanced by Attorney Heller in a previous hearing, would amount to about one truck every five minutes.

Thank you for considering these points in response to GFI's application to quarry the north side of historic Mt. Decatur. Please support the Town of Ledyard's intention to "ensure a **safe** and **pleasant** community in which to live..."

I strongly oppose this application.

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