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Land Use Department

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

Dear Ms. Burdick and Commissioners,

I am respectfully writing in strong opposition to the most recent Cashman/GFI proposal that would allow for a quarry operation on the former Dow Chemical site.

My specific concerns albeit they can be enumerated they are wide in their potential effects on the residents of Gales Ferry and those of nearby communities.

Health and safety is paramount and at the top of the list. The initial item in this area would be potential airborne particulates. Unless there is some kind of an impervious enclosure around it there is going to be some sort of escapement to the air.

Safety with regards to increased large truck traffic, i.e. 10 wheel tri-axial dump trucks. A southbound turning heavy laden truck is going to snarl Rt 12 traffic flow to say the very least. There is already a log jam situation with the operation leaving Baldwin Hill Rd and southbound on Rt 12. Trucks are leaving from a dead stop at the light at Long Cove, laboring uphill for ½ mile before gaining travel speed. There have been instances of raw material discharged on the road surface making travel hazardous for all traffic. Similarly trucks departing Cashman/GFI would be following the same type of scenario. An uphill long steady pull from a dead stop until travel speed is achieved.

Blasting is of great concern. My residence is not in close proximity to C/GFI but it is within a ½ mile of the Baldwin Hill facility and on the Tues/Thur blast schedule at times everything in my house shook. Now things on walls are obvious if they are affected by blasting but wells and foundations won't show right away until one day much later when all has been forgotten and the homeowner is left high and dry.

These are just a couple of my concerns but I would ask that the commission and land use director scrutinize the Ledyard Land Use regulations to ensure that the health and well being of the citizens of Gales Ferry/Ledyard are first and foremost a priority.

Regards,

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