

Anna Wynn

From: Elizabeth Burdick
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 12:15 PM
To: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Cashman Quarry Letter of Concer

Email below - new public comment exhibit.

Regards,
Liz Burdick
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From: Alex Bolanos <alexjb1187@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:38 AM
To: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Cashman Quarry Letter of Concer

Good morning Elizabeth,

Please find my letter of concern regarding the Cashman Quarry application.

Please confirm the receipt of this letter

Thank you.

Alex Bolanos

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Gales Ferry, CT 06335

December 10, 2024

Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway

Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

Dear Members of the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission,

I write to you to formally request that you deny the application for the excavation of Mt. Decatur as proposed by Cashman Dredging & Marine Contracting Co., LLC.

It should go without saying that blowing up the face of a mountain over the course of 5 to 10 years will be a detriment to the nearby communities. There are obvious concerns regarding the noise, vibration, pollution, dust, and health concerns that would be directly caused by this project. Nevertheless, I will take this time to address my concerns with this proposal.

Mt. Decatur is adjacent to the United Methodist Church Childcare Center. This is an entrusted facility for the most innocent and vulnerable members of our community, including my 19 month old son. Children less than a year old attend this childcare center, and it is intended to be a place where they feel safe, learn, play, socialize, and rest. This project will expose them to noisy explosions, and put them at severe risk for respiratory diseases. Our children do not deserve this, and this alone should be reason enough to deny this proposal.

My family and I live in the nearby area and are susceptible to the risks outlined above. In addition to the aforementioned risks, our property value would plummet, and there would be serious risks to the structural integrity of our foundation and well as a result of the blasting.

The already existing traffic issues would be exacerbated. It is already a challenge to take a left hand turn onto RT 12, and this will only make it worse. Additionally, it will make it worse for the school buses that are responsible for getting children to and from school.

There are severe environmental risks to the 40 acre wooded area due to the blasting that would be taking place over the course of 5 to 10 years.

Lastly, Mt. Decatur has historical significance that warrants its preservation. This project would cause irreversible damage to the mountain that is utterly unnecessary.

My priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my family to the best of my abilities. Therefore, should this proposal be approved it is likely my family and I go elsewhere, which would be devastating, as we have fallen in love with the area and its community.

It cannot be overstated how disappointing it is that the community has to plead with our trusted leaders to reject such an irresponsible, deleterious, and outright dangerous proposal. I implore that the members of the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission reject this proposal for the reasons described herein.

Respectfully,

