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Subject: Gravel Pit Objection

In regards to the proposed gravel pit on the North Fork road, KPB parcel # 16516230:

If this pit application is approved, you are essentially either forcing a residential neighborhood, made up of families with kids of a wide range of ages, from grade school to high school, & older folks in retirement, even a small business of two women who run a secretarial service out of their home, right across the street, (they are currently out of town due to a death in the family), to leave, or else endure a substantial increase in the amount of stress from all the noise of shakers or screeners (the machines that separate the rock into different sizes, a lot of rock banging against metal all day long), not to mention the dust that is created from freshly turned over dirt left to be blown around by the wind, which seems to be on the increase these last few years and is intensified because most of the trees are gone. Even reseeding ground takes a year or so for the roots to take hold to do any good.

Just because someone in Homer wants cheap gravel, is that any reason to ruin a whole neighborhood's lifestyle? There's other gravel around. It just costs a little more to get it. Not having this pit doesn't create a loss of jobs because the pit will be somewhere else - same jobs. And it just doesn't make sense in years of declining revenue that the borough would pass up the opportunity to increase capital from real property tax instead of just a pittance collected from sales tax off of gravel. Mr. Jones expressed to us that he could subdivide if not doing gravel.

Please don't let them devalue our neighborhood or our health.

**Neil Kinney
Home Owner**