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Dear Sussex County Council,

I am writing to express a major concern about the proposed borrow pit that is being considered along Asbury Road and the detrimental impact it would have on the quality of life of the approximately 20 homes that will sit in direct proximity to it. My family and I have lived at 15952 Scott farm lane for the past 16 years (since 2006)Our home is located in Asbury Meadows development which is right across from the site of the proposed borrow pit up for discussion during today's County Council meeting. I believe this borrow pit is an effort to expand the existing sand plant that was brought online a few years ago, and sits along Route 20 about a half mile east of the Asbury Road and Beaver Dam Branch Road Intersection on Route 20. Much to our surprise, even though the sand plant is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to a mile from our home and has a woods creating a noise and visual buffer we are still disturbed by noise from the sand plant on a regular basis. Not only can we hear the sand plant operating, we can hear the trucks hauling the dirt, and even see the lights of the sand plant during the evening hours that it is operating. We have major concerns that the noise will become exponentially worse if the sand plant and borrow pit is allowed to expand to directly in front of our home. Imagine constantly hearing the backup signal of dirt trucks on a regular basis and the clanging of the sand plant (that is what we hear today, imaging if it moves a mile closer). In addition, there is currently no buffer to protect our property from what would be blowing sand and the increased noise. Even with a buffer created along the road to block the view of the proposed sand plant, the noise would be even more intrusive which would disrupt the approximately 20 homes that all sit within close proximity to the proposed sand plant/borrow pit. The property being considered for the borrow pit is literally across the street from our property. All you would have to do is simply cross the street and you would be on the proposed sand pit property. In addition, the location of the proposed borrow pit would decrease our property values and there is also concern with our current wells. Ring dried up eventually..The property being considered for a borrow pit has always been farm land, which is appropriate for the area we live in. Would you buy a home that looked out at a pile of dirt with dump trucks operating on a daily basis as your view across your property?

I would ask that you please vote no to the conditional use request and leave the property zoning as is.

I appreciate your time today and would simply ask that you consider the impact this would have on the 20 families residing on Asbury Rd. and the quality of life they currently enjoy. The area we live in is very peaceful, and should not be disrupted with the addition of a borrow pit, and all the blowing sand and noise from heavy machinery that accompanies it. If you and your family lived in this area, would you want to look out your window and see a huge sand plant and borrow pit, I am certain you would not.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Thank you ,
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