

My name is Brian Flinn I live at 540 N 5th AVE Des Plains IL.

I'm hear to speak for, and with my Mom, Maxine Flinn who is 86 years old, regarding what certainly is "THE" most effected homestead, and neighbor by this Zoning change proposal at 43W997 Rowe Road.

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A little history

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We move to the property 53 years ago in 1966.

The house, a 100+, year old farmhouse at that time was ready to be tore down and was in "pretty rough shape" and me at the age of 9 years old and starting 4th grad I thought my parents were crazy for buying this.

All the "constant" work, by all the family and friends back in the day and over the years on the house and grounds has make this a very livable country home.

Members it stands to be quit a unlivable home if this zoning appeal is approved in its present form.

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Watching The Expansion

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When we moved hear 53 years ago there was a very small gravel pit far to the south of the property and not even visible from our property.

We have watched over the 53 years the gravel mining operation pass through different owners, and acquire more and more land moving to the north, and west, toward our property to become the mega strip mine it is today.

And it now is currently expanding to the west of us on Rowe Road.

(See photos where it is already the size of Elburn.)

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Current Intrusion

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This mega strip mine has already, and is currently intruded on us... such as, noise, dust and light pollution with often a 24/7 operation.

We can not sit outside any more do to this. *Noise example to be played...*

Most important, the current operation, whiten the last 4 years, has effected our well water, that we no longer can drink from.

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New Development

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We understand that a berm will be constructed within 150 feet on all 3 sides of our property.

The berm we are promised will stop noise and dust among other disturbances, etc.

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The Effect

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Members having this berm around the property will be like living in a dirt canyon!!!

As is evident by the photos there is no weed control, fence maintenance, or erosion control of any berm that has been constructed.

Members, if we let our property be overgrown, *as shown in the photos*, I am positive we would have a visit from some enforcement arm of the county.

No attempt has ever been observed at any dust control of the current operation.

Nor is there any known enforcement of the detailed Lafarge Fugitive Particulate Control Operating Program, dated June 2016, section 2.2 i.e. (*This includes the shutdown of the facility until fugitive dust issues can be remedied*).

(*see photos*)

Members there will be no more sunrise or sunset views, nor any spring, summer, or fall breeze through the big old farmhouse windows.

We do not believe there is any evidence that a berm will do anything to alleviate any issues with gravel strip mining. It is merely a convenient place to dump "overburden" of top soil from precious farm land, that is being raped and striped from the land.

Further there is concern of runoff, mud, erosion and flooding that this berm may cause. i.e. flooded basement, flooded well pits, failing foundation, etc.

Also a very unsightly barb wire fence, with large no trespassing signs, will be constructed at the edge of the property as well. Again with no weed control, or maintenance, *as shown in the photos what we will expect to see directly on the property line on all 3 sides*.

Regardless of the “beam setback” proposed how will it ever be maintained, or upkeep enforced, from the fence to the berm, that we get to look at, every day from now on. *Again as is evident from the photos there is none.*

Members there is no evidence of this operation being this close to any residential property before, and or the history of it. We do not believe Lafarge is prepared to maintain it in a manner much different and neighborly then they are now (*Again, Members would you like having what you see in the photos within 150 feet of your back yard ?*)

As can be imagined, our property value will be worthless, while our taxes will continue to increase.

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Conclusion

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We think it's time to “STOP” where they are, and STOP raping more fertile farm land. (*After all how many people can you feed with the ground they intend to take.*)

In closing, I would like to spend my later remaining days on the property, **but most important of all...**

Members my 86 year old Mom should be allowed to live out her life in piece at home.

Members **PLEASE** recommend **NO** to this special use!!!
Thank you.