

FILED APR 29 2020

**From:** Amanda Bjerke [mailto:ajbjerke@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:37 PM

**To:** county development <countydevelopment@brookingscountysd.gov>

**Subject:** Letter regarding application 2020cu009 & 2020cu010 conditional use permits

Please see attached letter.

Thank you,  
Amanda Bjerke

April 29, 2020

FILED APR 29 2020

Brookings County Zoning Board  
Brookings, SD

RE: Application for Conditional Use Permits 2020cu009 & 2020cu010

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the application for conditional use permits by Tom Sterzinger (mining and rock crushing 2020cu009 & 2020cu010). I am against the approval of these applications for the following reasons:

- 1) The land that is to be used was put into a grassland easement with the intended purpose to keep it at its current state of native grasses. The owner of the land was paid for this grass land easement.
- 2) I live within a half mile of the proposed sites, and the view from our house would be ruined by these operations. Not only do I not want to look at their mess every day, it would greatly decrease the value of our property if we were to sell in the future.
- 3) The noise from that operations would be a disturbance. I was home while Tom Sterzinger was out digging test holes, and the sound of the equipment was heard inside our home.
- 4) I am concerned for the safety of our community. The driveways for the proposed sites enter onto the highway at the crest of a large hill. I feel there will be an increased risk for accidents on that stretch of road.
- 5) I am also concerned for the safety of my children and family. We have small children and having a gravel pit with large equipment right across the road frightens me. In addition to the equipment at the site, I am also concerned about the amount of truck traffic on the highway. We frequently bike to the Oakwood Lakes State Park, and it would be unsafe with the increased amount of large trucks using the roadway.
- 6) While the plan lists the highway as the main access point, it does not guarantee that the trucks will not use our gravel road. This creates a safety issue along with an increased cost to our township for maintenance.
- 7) The waterway that runs thru the project sites runs directly into Oakwood Lakes. I think this brings up multiple issues including silt runoff along with possible issues of contamination. Many people use Oakwood Lakes for recreational activities.
- 8) Another area of concern is the possibility of the aquifer being contaminated. We have a well on our property and feel that the project site is too close.

In conclusion, I feel that the plan that was drawn up is very vague and does not adequately lay out a plan for the future, or take into regard the issues listed above. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Bjerke  
20416 460<sup>TH</sup> Ave  
Bruce, SD 57220