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Meaghen Reid Clerk/Director of Legislative Services Township of Guelph Eramosa 8348 Wellington Road 124 P.O. Box 700 Rockwood, Ontario N0B 2K0

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application Your File No. ZBA 01/14 Proposed Spencer Gravel Pit

I would like to provide the following comments with regards to the above noted zoning by-law amendment application.

1. As the associated application for a ARA licence is for an above water table gravel pit operation, if Guelph Eramosa Township supports the application for a zoning by-law amendment, the Township of Woolwich requires that the zoning by-law amendment only allow for above water table mineral aggregate extraction. This approach will provide an opportunity for the Township of Woolwich to comment on, and if necessary, appeal any future application which proposes below water table extraction. This approach will also require an applicant to provide documentation that might justify an application for rezoning to allow below water table extraction at some future date--documentation which has not been provided thus far in the context of the current application for above water table extraction.

2. The visual impact of the application needs to be evaluated so as to determine if mitigation of visual impacts is required in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement's requirement that social impacts be minimized. This requirement for visual impact evaluation must examine the loss of view from nearby properties in Woolwich associated with the proposed acoustical berms and the impacts of any aspects of the operation such as stockpiles, and crushing, screening and washing infrastructure, that may be visible above the acoustical berms.

3. Air quality impacts need to be evaluated to determine if mitigation of air quality impacts is required in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement's requirement that social impacts be minimized. This requirement for air quality impacts should address the need for, and the form of, monitoring of dust to ensure the accuracy of modelling of the impact of dust from the proposed gravel pit on air quality.

4. It is noted that Wellington County Road has been identified as in need of upgrading and that this matter has not been resolved to date. The approval of the rezoning for the gravel pit should not occur until this issue has been resolved.

Yours truly,

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