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Subject: We are opposed to the application made by Lowndes Holdings

Dear Mayor and Council, City of Hamilton

We are writing you to indicate that we are opposed to the application made by Lowndes Holdings for an industrial, below the established water table, aggregate open pit mine operation in Northeast Flamborough.

We understand that Council will be receiving the report of the Planning and Economic Development Committee including the staff response to the McHattie resolution on September 29, 2004. We expect the City to conduct a thorough review of the application, in conjunction with its counterparts in Burlington, Milton and Halton, before reaching a final decision on this matter.

We appreciate the staff work undertaken to date, and the recommendations for an Aggregate Planning Advisor to assist the city's staff and full Peer Review of the proponent's technical reports. We believe that the impact of such an operation would be extensive and geographically widespread. We also call attention to factors not yet fully reflected in the report including:

- the proximity of existing Residential Developments
- the proximity of area Schools in Carlisle and Kilbride
- protected Provincially Significant Wetlands on the site
- protected Environmentally Significant Areas on the site
- the proximity to the protected Bronte Creek watershed
- the proximity to private water wells
- the City's recent Ground Water Study for Carlisle showing that the Wellhead Protection Zones for the Municipal Wells are located on the site
- the renewed emphasis in the Greenbelt legislation on preserving natural heritage features and Agricultural Land and the site's Class 2 Dumfries loam soils and
- the inability of the current Road Network to support the haulage needs of such an operation, among others.

Yours sincerely,
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