

July 25th, 2005

Mr. Robin van de Lande
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Via Email

Dear Mr. Robin van de Lande,

**Re: Report PL-49/05 White Paper on the Environment, Sustainability
and the Burlington Official Plan**

I am writing to you on behalf of Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment - FORCE - and its supporters. FORCE is a federally registered not for profit corporation. It is a citizen-based advocacy group with hundreds of supporters in Campbellville, Kilbride, rural Milton, Mountsberg, Freelon, and Carlisle. FORCE was formed in June 2004 to protect our natural and built environments in the face of a proposed large-scale, below the established groundwater table, aggregate development in the Northeast Flamborough portion of the amalgamated City of Hamilton. We note upfront that our organization is not anti-aggregate nor anti-road; indeed, our area is home to some of Ontario and Canada's largest aggregate operations. We do, however, have significant issues with the current application in its proposed location for substantive reasons.

We look forward to the participation by the City of Burlington, the Region of Halton, other comprising municipalities as well as Conservation Halton in the review of the quarry proposal and in the public consultation process. We encourage public consultation within Halton Region on the implications for Halton and its residents, and specifically in Burlington given the proximity of Kilbride to the proposed aggregate operation both in terms of groundwater and haul routes.

FORCE is pleased to see the City of Burlington continue its leadership in the municipal sector on sustainability, a concept premised on the notion of a triple bottom line approach of economy, social development/quality of life, and environment. In this regard, we find the White Paper quite eloquently written, embracing strong values and directions, yet grounded in the research literature at the forefront of sustainability and conservation biology analysis. Our detail comments can be found in the attached document.

Should you need to contact FORCE, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca or at 905-659-5417. Our community website is www.StopTheQuarry.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair & Spokesperson