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Mr. Sullivan,

I live in Goldston and have land adjacent to the rock quarry.
I live on land that my great grandfather owned and in a house that was built by my grandfather.

Several years ago, upon receiving notice about the quarry, myself, neighbors and other concerned land/homeowners in the area began researching and asking questions about how this would affect our property, homes, environment, health, community. We found nothing positive about this business being in the middle our community and with all the negative effects associated with it, it would not only create problems but lower our property values and potentially cause damage to our homes, health and destroy the peace and quiet of the folks that live beside and near it. Basically destroying the reason we had chosen to live here.

We organized numerous meetings, submitted hundreds of signatures to the commissioners of residents that were against the quarry being allowed to operate, attended and spoke out at the permit hearing in Pittsboro.

All to be told that our Chatham County Commissioners could not help us because the land was not zoned.

Now, the land is zoned.

Suddenly more permit signs have appeared. Several of us again have called and been told that the property may be re-zoned to Heavy Industry.
But the quarry is already operating.
It has been "grandfathered" in and can operate under the R1 zoning.

We all know it is operating because we hear and feel the blasting!! It is very startling. There is no notice, no particular time or day, just suddenly out of nowhere there is a huge roar and the ground/homes shake. I can wake up to the sound of equipment running in the morning and come home to the sound of equipment running in the afternoon during the week. I hear the "beep beep beep" of large machines moving morning, afternoon and during the weekends. The other Sunday afternoon I was forced to listen to banging that lasted for several hours. SUNDAY AFTERNOON!

The Chatham County Commissioners have the ability to at the least deny the rezoning of this from R1 to Heavy Industry. I and many neighbors are now forced to endure this..... so terribly unfair because we have all been here for years and chose to be here because of the rural setting..... but are now unable to enjoy our own property.

It it zoned now and as our elected commissioners you have the ability to deny the request to rezone this to Heavy Industry.

Not only does this request need to be denied there also needs to be some guidelines to regulate the noise, times of operations and overall disturbance that we are having to endure. The noise some days is constant. I can hear the equipment inside my house. The sound of rocks being moved, crushed, explosions at any time of day on any day..... My house shakes when they blast. Who will be responsible for damage? If we can't stop the quarry at the very least Chatham County should have strict guidelines on the noise, hours of operation, dangerous and damaging effects this is going to cause for those of us who were there first! This isn't your neighborhood garage.... this is a huge parcel of land with large, loud, dangerous activities that are directly affecting those of us who live near it.

If you have questions or would like to discuss any of my concerns please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully

Beth Barber