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Haines Borough Planning Commission,

Please deny the conditional use permits for new gravel extraction and rock quarry pits at the proposed Lutak Rd site by the ferry terminal. Other than Turner's Pit located above a residential neighborhood on Menaker Road, I can't think of a more impactful and obtrusive location for this type of industrial development.

It certainly does not meet CUP Criteria for approval 1, 5 & 6. The public will be impacted by undue noise, dust and danger from 6 AM to 6 PM 7 days a week, that is inherent in this type of land use development with rock crushers, blasting and truck traffic. The site is located too closely to a public gathering and transportation area, the AMHS Ferry Terminal putting the public at risk. The activity will cause erosion and run off into adjoining streams and Lutak Inlet year round for the life of the pit and beyond.

The applicant broke Borough Code by developing this site for their intended purpose before they had a permit to do so. This prior illegal development does not grant them rights to continue to develop the property for this purpose. Though no adjacent land owners have commented on this CUP application, the general public who will be impacted for the life of this development has.

As a resident who enjoys recreating in the Lutak and Chilkoot areas I will be impacted by this land use. I will not feel safe biking through this area if this development is allowed to proceed. The noise associated with this development will be heard throughout the Lutak Inlet and uplands.

Sincerely,

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