

Good evening,

As the owner of [REDACTED] Cambridge, Ontario N1S 4R4 for over 20 years, I am strongly opposed to the expansion of the Dance Pit.

The Dance Pit has always caused concerns with excessive noise and high dust levels. Family members with asthma have experienced breathing difficulties severe enough to have to be hospitalized. We have had to incur extra expenses to add hepa air filtration to our home and this still isn't sufficient to mitigate the amount of dust generated by the pit. Just opening windows and doors, even briefly, brings in so much dust that a coat settles on furnishings within moments after being thoroughly cleaned. The wind travels from the west most of the time, and we are exactly east of this area. The dust levels will be impossible to mitigate should the expansion occur.

The noise from the pit has also been quite intrusive over the years. They are supposed to start at 7:00 am but I have often been awakened as early as 6:15 or 6:30am from the backups beeping and scraping of their machinery. Just yesterday, the scraping was so loud, like metal scraping on metal, that it sounded like the road in front of my home was being excavated. This made it difficult to work in my home office, even though all my doors and windows were closed...and I don't back onto the farm fields that are behind those homes closest to the pit. Since the beginning of the pandemic, many of us have had to work from home and many businesses are realizing that this may be the business model of the future. The intrusion of extra noise makes it difficult to have conversations with our own clientele and internal resources when the scraping and beeping we regularly hear will be closer to our doorsteps.

In addition to the concerns above, our neighbourhood is one of homeowners who have pride in their homes and sought to purchase homes in this location because of the proximity to nature and being on the very outside boundaries of city residential development. Our property values and quality of life will be severely hampered if such an expansion were to be permitted. This area is also a regular habitat for geese, who regularly come to this neighbourhood to hatch and raise their young. It is also a major area for migration routes for them. The local parks that are used for many organized and neighbourhood sports and activities and the local ponds will be disturbed and become less desirable to both human and animal populations.

We do not approve of having the pit expand so close to our homes-the pit is already more than close enough. Please stop this greedy expansion that only thinks of money first and not the health and well-being of your citizens who live, work and play here, paying taxes and keeping the community thriving.

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