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Ms. Sharon Chambers
CAO, Township of Wilmot
60 Snyder's Road West
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Dear Ms. Chambers,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Nith Valley EcoBoosters to express our concern about the protection of drinking water in Wilmot, Wellesley and the rest of Waterloo Region in relation to the application by Jackson Harvest Farms to develop the Hallman Gravel Pit. It is our understanding that the Township of Wilmot staff have not addressed the concerns raised by the independent experts that were commissioned by the Citizens For Safe Ground Water to review reports that were submitted by the applicant to support the development.

The concerns raised by the independent experts can have implications for the safety of the drinking water in the Region. Since there is an assertion that some of the information that the staff relied upon from the reports, supplied by the applicant, is possibly outdated and flawed, we would like to be assured that the staff does their due diligence in following up on the issues raised in the independent reports.

The Township of Wilmot Council will be making an important decision about the Hallman Pit in a few weeks. It is well known that the Region of Waterloo is very dependent on ground water to provide safe drinking water for the residents. Thus, the safety of drinking water is a major consideration for the Council when making the decision about the Hallman Pit. The Council members and the public need to have confidence that the information, that the staff is providing, is comprehensive and accurate.

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters are requesting that the concerns raised by the independent experts are reviewed by staff and that their comments are included in a staff report that is available in plenty of time for councillors to be able to read it before they vote on the proposed Hallman Pit application.

Thank you for your attention to this request.
Yours truly,

Tom Knezevich
Chairperson
Nith Valley EcoBoosters

CC: Julie Truong, Mayor Armstrong, Councillors Fisher, Gerber, Gordijk, Hallman and Pfenning