

Application A-24:227 Subject: 1116 Edgewood Road, Flamborough, Zoning By-law: 05-200.
Hearing date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

As a 37 year resident of Edgewood Road, we continue to have serious concerns for the environmental impact related to the requested expansion of the lot coverage to 25.5% for a building addition and the decrease in the north side yard setback to increase the capacity of the growing, packaging and shipping of mushrooms and additional food products. We have **3** ongoing concerns:

1. All the residents of Edgewood Road obtain their water from wells. Many have dug wells. We all depend on shared ground water. We are very troubled about the increased water consumption that will be diverted from the neighborhood's water supply if this expansion takes place. During the summer of 2023, Edgewood Road residents experienced extremely low levels of water in their wells. Residents had to go to relatives or to their recreation facilities in order to take a shower. These concerns were forwarded to the City of Hamilton, Conservation Halton and the Ministry of the Environment at that time.
 - What guarantee will the residents have that their water supply will not be negatively affected with this building expansion?
 - What recourse with the City of Hamilton will residents have if indeed their water supply is affected?This fall, 2024, the owner paved a large area adjacent to the wetlands with new asphalt for a driveway, parking and storage. Were there any environmental studies done to assess the potential impact on the drainage to the wetlands?
2. The property is located within and adjacent to an Environmentally Sensitive Area that contains surface water and wetlands. A variety of wildlife such as deer, muskrats, water fowl, turtles, reptiles and amphibians depend on the wetlands in this area. In the summer of 2023, we had requested Conservation Halton review septic system changes that were taking place at that time. We need assurance that this new commercial business has plans to contain and mitigate any chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, waste that will be used in their production processes to avoid contamination of both the surface water that is adjacent to their property and to the groundwater which residents use for their personal use.
 - Have plans been submitted to address the waste treatment and protection of the adjacent surface water and ground water for this proposed expansion?
 - How will odours from growing of the mushrooms be contained to avoid affecting residents?
3. With the proposed expansion of this production facility, we are already observing increased truck traffic in our neighborhood. As there are no sidewalks on our road, we are concerned about the safety of our neighbor's children, our pets and those of us who regularly walk on the road for recreation and health.

There are several new homeowners who have moved onto our street this fall who have not experienced as yet any issues with their well water levels. However as long-time residents we have very real and valid concerns that if this application is approved it will affect the quality of life of Edgewood residents, the property value of our homes and, very importantly, on the natural environment that surrounds us and on which we depend.

Therefore, unless we receive more information to address our concerns, we **oppose this submitted application** for a change in the existing by-law. Sincerely, David and Corinne Filer - 1151 Edgewood Road, Millgrove, Ontario.