

From: [Anne Middleton](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: Re: Applicant's Response to Comments Received SEPA MDNS, Concrete Nor'West Special Use Permit, PL16-0097
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 4:34:38 PM

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We appreciate the notifications and information which has been sent to us.
Anne Middleton

On Mar 22, 2022, at 10:36 AM, Kevin Cricchio <kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us> wrote:

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From: [Planning & Development Services](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: FW: File # PL16-0097 and PL16-0098
Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 12:53:44 PM

From dept email

From: CSD - Shannon L. Duhon <sduhon@chmelik.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Planning & Development Services <planning@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: File # PL16-0097 and PL16-0098

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I write to notify you that our firm no longer represents any party in the above referenced matter so there is no need to send us any correspondence or updates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Shannon Duhon

Legal Assistant to Peter M. Ruffatto, Tim D. Schermetzler, and Lillian K. Hubbard

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From: [David Goehring](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: Grip mine
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:35:52 PM

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Excuse me, but the traffic study you folks accepted as complete is a joke!!!

How can you possibly accept a study that doesn't even cover the MAJOR impact on the Cook Road I-5 overpass. The study indicates that a large percentage of the trucks will be going up Bow Hill Road to I-5, then south, across the overpass and north to the Belleville Pit. If anyone in Skagit County government uses that overpass can tell you, it is way beyond capacity, with traffic on the northbound off ramp often backed up onto the freeway, and traffic on the southbound off ramp having to wait forever to be able to turn east. The traffic coming up 99 from the south is also now backed up all the way past the businesses. Try to head northbound out of the Starbucks parking lot in the afternoons sometime. Completion of the Bow Hill Road repairs will take a little pressure off the roads, but this was a mess before that project even began.

This project is a disaster waiting to happen, and should have been denied years ago based upon this issue alone, let alone the myriad of other traffic issues. I am furious that my tax money is being spent year after year to try to ram through this atrocity!!!

Oh, and you can take this amber warning light proposal and stick it right where it belongs! Do we really not have enough access to gravel for our county's needs?! There are effing gravel pits everywhere already! I will guarantee that a high percentage of drivers out here won't stop for that stupid warning light unless they absolutely have to to avoid a collision. I know I won't.

I've said in my previous comments, and I'll say it again here. You are going to get people injured and killed with trucks and trailers balling up and down the narrow country roads out here. The roads out here are COMPLETELY incompatible with this type of traffic. All of them. It will be only a matter of time. IS ANYBODY THERE LISTENING, or does nobody there care about the safety of those of us who use these roads regularly? On a recent trip past the Belleville Pit, there were 5 trucks there at one time either entering or exiting. The turn lanes couldn't accommodate them all, so let's throw a few more from the Grip pit in there as well while we are at it. Sheesh.

As my taxes are due again shortly, I will say it one more time. QUIT SPENDING MY HARD-EARNED TAX MONEY on this god-forsaken proposal. I would hope my taxes go towards enhancing my quality of life, not endangering my and others' safety on a daily basis.

David Goehring
20002 Double Creek Lane
360-661-0818

From: [Brandon Black](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: RE: Samish Gravel Proposal/Concrete Nor'west
Date: Friday, April 1, 2022 9:32:00 AM

Kevin,

Can you research the parties of record and make sure we did in fact received this one (below), that it was timely received, and that the comment response from CNW was forwarded to Mr. Sheedy. If not, please send him a copy. Is comments are traffic related.

This (below) comment was found in the General PDS comment folder by Natural Resources. Want to make sure this person is a party of record if the comment was timely received.

Brandon Black
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-----Original Message-----

From: Leah Forbes <leahf@co.skagit.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Brandon Black <brandonb@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: FW: Samish Gravel Proposal/Concrete Nor'west

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Sheedy <madam1@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2022 10:09 AM
To: PDS comments <pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: Samish Gravel Proposal/Concrete Nor'west

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Since moving to the Prairie/Hoogdall area I have been scared 3 times on Prairie Rd, my wife as well. Impatient drivers, large trucks and inattentive drivers have caused me irritation and some frayed nerves. The specter of adding dumps with pups on the 'S' curves east of Old 99 freaks me out for me, my family and especially my wife as her commute is long. I see that the intersection at Grip and Prairie Rds has had some visibility improvements but I see many drivers westbound taking that curve at 50 MPH. Will this satisfy the amount of time needed to brake for truck/Pup combos entering Prairie Rd? In the less than 3 years here, I knew about the gravel mine proposal and did not hesitate buying property not far from the site but I did not expect the real terrible news that the “Pups” would cross the center line. For those reasons alone I reject the proposal for trucks and pups using Prairie Rd. Got any proposals for fixing that??

Michael Sheedy
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From: [Monique Brigham](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: Re: Applicant's Response to Comments Received SEPA MDNS, Concrete Nor'West Special Use Permit, PL16-0097
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So I had to jump through hoops and pay for extra permits and file paperwork that I wouldn't contaminate my own well let alone the river to build a personal shop a lot further away from the river than this but this is ok?

Have a Fantastic Day,

Monique Brigham

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On Tue, Mar 22, 2022 at 10:37 AM Kevin Cricchio <kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us> wrote:

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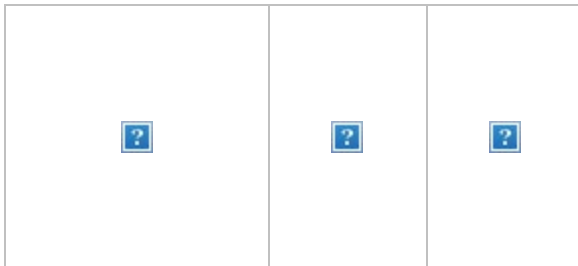
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From: [Monty](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
Subject: Grip road unanswered questions
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:15:44 AM

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Good morning and hello on a beautiful spring day,

Thank you for apprising me of the communication the Planning Dept. has received from a Miles representative.

I am astounded that Dan Cox asserts in his letter, which you forwarded to me, " Because the environmental impacts have been fully considered and mitigated, we ask this application be allowed to move forward to a public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner".

Several concerns and questions I took the time to submit, have not been "fully considered" nor "mitigated". Dan Cox has not adequately responded to numerous specific concerns and questions from citizens as solicited by Skagit County Planning. The truth is, this letter from Dan Cox documents an incomplete process. Please acknowledge this as a public official - the health and welfare of our neighborhood will suffer if this corporate bullying is allowed to rule.

Please contact Dan Cox and have him answer the questions forwarded to you, as senior planner, in my letter of March 10.

Dan Cox claims near the end of his letter that "due to the fact that it is appropriately zoned" Miles is entitled 25 years of significant activity. When the negative impacts of this corporation's endeavors add up, the factual state of our environment will be what? Facts are inarguable, "appropriately zoned" is an arbitrary term. Private corporation's can speculate when making investments. Oftentimes, natural resource extraction industries manipulate land use renderings that are made politically. Miles has a number of pits already in and around Skagit County - they are becoming monopolistic. This exploitive speculation appears to rely on popuation growth and new developement, not just serving current need.

Here is a real fact - mining gravel, mixing concrete and trucking it to new construction sites over a twenty five year period will pave over a significant amount of land in Skagit County and beyond. Another fact that has become more apparent as time progreses is that a lot of environmental damage has ocurred from decades of concrete placement - it has covered over precious Skagit County farmland, caused toxic runoff to wetlands creating significant harm to local salmon populations from culverts to tire compounds in ditches. Our salmon hatcheries have been closed, orcas are starving and a dump trucks drove off Highway 9 just yesterday. Please be aware of the harm Miles is capable of causing to our environment.

Where is the science on traffic? It won't be coming from Miles My vehicle was damaged by a Miles truck when a cement truck blew a tire on highway 9. I received no call back after immediately stopping and contacting the driver (gave him my phone number) who pulled over on the shoulder , that is my understanding of how they operate! Science and courtesy be damned!

I won't go on as I am sure you are busy with all of this - but please advocate for the concerns related to you by the public.

And in spite of it all have a good spring afternoon!

Monty McIntyre

From: [Norm Conrad](#)
To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
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Kevin,

Thanks. As all of us who have followed submissions by well-heeled and/or locally dominant private corporations have observed, when hired by the corporation wanting approval for pretty much anything, the "technical experts" are nothing more than paid mercenaries. We have experienced many decades of corrupt "expert" analysis offered to all levels of government. I don't know that that is the situation here. But it does raise suspicions.

Norm

On Tue, Mar 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM Kevin Cricchio <kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us> wrote:

Norm, I think the reference to technical experts is to consultants they hired along with the Public Works Department. Thanks.

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From: Norm Conrad <nsconrad@gmail.com>
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Mr. Kevin Cicchio:

I noticed a pattern in the Miles response to the public comments: "... concerns have been reviewed by technical experts"

My question is, Whose technical experts?

Norm Conrad

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To: [Kevin Cricchio](#)
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Mr. Cricchio.

I'm, and I'm sure the community of the Grip & Prairie Rd. area really disgusted by the Skagit Co. allowing this Gravel mining operation to go forward. With all the impacts of our roadways, Personnel safety hazards and the watershed that will happen. Its a fact.

I'm sure none of you have ever been in a gravel pit, our seen in real life what goes on in a real gravel mining operation. Ya. maybe on the internet or videos.

Just because the public don't have Qualified License or Specialty Fields in your topics don't mean they don't know what there talking about.

Maybe they should put a gravel pit in each one of the county's neighborhood as well. Our have dump trucks driving by every 6 Min. or less. Remember. 1 in. 1 out. 50 = 100 trips.
Ill make sure to not vote any of the county officials in office next year. Time for a change.

Real disappointing in our Skagit County decision.

RE

In a message dated 3/22/2022 10:37:09 AM Pacific Standard Time, kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us writes:

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