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Dear Mayor and Council,

Land Use Compatibility is a significant concern for municipalities engaged in the planning of their communities. When the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted a consultation, ERO 019 – 2785 in May, there was an early July date for responses, later extended to early August.

Gravel Watch Ontario is sharing our response to the document for your information. We are also attaching the commentary by professional planner Mark Dorfman, with his permission.

Gravel Watch Ontario's view is that the guideline, as it currently stands, instead of simplifying the work of municipalities will instead have potential to

- increase confusion, and conflict over land use planning in particular between 'sensitive receptors' and 'major facilities'
- add to the burden of municipalities in managing those conflicting parties, recording and responding to 'spills' into the environment
- increase costs for municipalities in providing the required reports around land use compatibility.

While aware that the consultation is now closed, Gravel Watch knows that municipalities can continue to engage in dialogue with both staff and elected officials at the provincial level. Your reading of our response as relates to aggregate, as well as of those by AMO and other municipalities, by provincial and Canada-wide organizations may have already led you to similar conclusions.

Gravel Watch Ontario's mandate is to be vigilant, to educate and to advocate. We know you do this in your own community and hope the

documents will assist you.

Sincerely,

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