

Norval pit-STOP urges objectors to proposed quarry to re-send letters

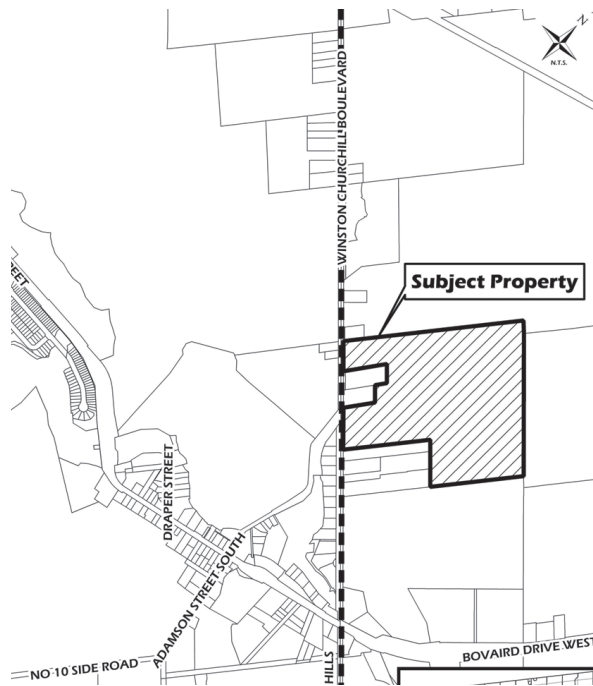
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The Norval pit-STOP Community Organization says all citizens who objected to the proposed Norval Quarry almost two years ago, now have until Oct. 1 to re-send their objections or else their concerns will be dismissed as invalid.

Brampton Brick is proposing to excavate shale from 9.35 hectares of the 34.9 hectare (86 acre) property located on Winston Churchill Blvd., just north of Hwy. 7 (Guelph St.).

Under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA), Brampton Brick had two years to respond to its objectors — 1,200 letters were sent at the time. Both the Town of Halton Hills and the City of Brampton have submitted objections. Once Brampton Brick responds, objectors must respond within 20 days and if they don't, it is deemed they have withdrawn their objections.

"This is according to the ARA, which is an old, flawed piece of legislation that strongly favours resource extraction, and does not address the protection of communities or environment," said Janet Kuzniar of pit-STOP.



This month, Brampton Brick responded with its solutions to a number of concerns such as impact on water, threat to provincial significant wetland, woodland and wildlife habitat, risk to public safety as a result of the truck traffic, decrease of property values, and impact on the rural culture of Norval.

"Brampton Brick's attempt to re-

solve these objections include supplying water in cisterns to residents, unspecified mitigation of negative impact on Credit River water quality and fish habitat, and an attempt to put back a significant natural area after the quarry is exhausted in 30 years," said Kuzniar. "Brampton Brick is telling residents that the dust is acceptable, the truck noise is insignificant and two foot tall trees will provide a visual screen for homes adjacent to the industrial operation."

Kuzniar said pit-STOP is not satisfied with the Brampton Brick's response, and have an online objection letter for those who wish to re-state their "No to the Norval Quarry". An easy-to-submit letter is available at www.pit-STOP.ca.

Alternatively, concerned citizens may send re-stated objections by registered mail to both the Ministry of Natural Resources and to Brampton Brick by Oct. 1.

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