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Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Attn: Leah Forbes
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RE: Response to public comments received as of February 1, 2023; SUP #PL20-0507 and FPC #PL22-0453

Skagit Aggregates LLC appreciates and respects the public comment received. Our project is designed to meet the requirements of county, state, and federal regulations to not adversely effect surrounding forest, river, or the water table.

Regarding potential noise; Based on the address submitted in the public comments the parcel is identified as parcel #4 in table 4 of the Greenbush Noise Study dated November 5, 2020 and is given a designation of EDNA Class A. The predicted sound level at your property line is estimate at 51 dBA and is lower than the daytime sound level limit per Skagit County and State guidelines. A conservative estimate of elevation was used in the modeling which is the highest maximum elevation of 545 feet, in general our equipment will begin operations at an elevation of 525', as mining progresses the elevation will decrease, which in turn will increase a natural noise barrier and reduce the noise further.

Due to other concerns raised about the Greenbush Noise Study dated November 5, 2020 a revised noise study was prepared and completed on July 12, 2023. According to the revisions made, the predicted sound level at the property line at parcel #4 has been reduced to an estimated 39 dBA which is lower than the daytime sound level limit per Skagit County of 60 dBA for this particular property.

Regarding the comments of zoning; The zoning of the parcels in the Special Use Permit PL20-0507 were changed during the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process in 2005 to protect the Natural Resource, which includes gravel extraction, and apply a Mineral Resource Overlay designation. Per SCC 14.38.030 Disclosures, at the time of your purchase in 2013 you were required to sign a disclosure that your property was within $\frac{1}{4}$ of mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.

SCC 14.38.030 (2) The following shall constitute the disclosure required by this Section:

This property may be designated or may be within 1 mile of designated agricultural land or designated or within 1/4 mile of rural resource, forest or mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance in Skagit County. A variety of Natural Resource Land commercial activities occur or may occur in the area that may not be compatible with non-resource uses and may be inconvenient or cause discomfort to area residents. This may arise from the use of chemicals; or from spraying, pruning, harvesting or mineral extraction with associated activities, which occasionally generates traffic, dust,



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smoke, noise, and odor. Skagit County has established natural resource management operations as a priority use on designated Natural Resource Lands, and area residents should be prepared to accept such incompatibilities, inconveniences or discomfort from normal, necessary Natural Resource Land operations when performed in compliance with Best Management Practices and local, State, and Federal law.

In the case of mineral lands, application might be made for mining-related activities including extraction, washing, crushing, stockpiling, blasting, transporting and recycling of minerals. If you are adjacent to designated NR Lands, you will have setback requirements from designated NR Lands.

Sincerely,

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