

Dear neighbor,

Thank you for helping us fight the proposed concrete batch plant that is planned for our neighborhood. The overwhelming majority of our neighbors are opposed to this intrusion, and many of us fear that our safety and health will be severely compromised if the plant becomes operational.

We are pursuing many options to fight construction of the plant, and one of the most important is to let our legislators hear our concerns. If our voices are loud enough, perhaps some of them will help us win our battle!

On the following pages, we've provided an outline to help you effectively communicate your concerns, as well as details that might be useful as you formulate your thoughts. Please use as much or as little of it as makes sense for you. But, most importantly, use your own words.

(When you look at the outline, you'll see blocks like the following: [xxx]. Just replace the "[xxx]" with whatever might be appropriate for you.)

Following the outline, you'll see a page containing some useful details, and then two more with contact information for our legislators. It would be most helpful if you would send a letter to as many of the legislators as possible.

Here are a few other suggestions to consider when writing your letters:

- Keep it concise, but thorough.
- Speak from the heart.
- Talk about what matters to you the most.
- Don't exaggerate.
- Write to as many legislators as you can.
- Keep it to one page, if possible.
- ... and for maximum impact, **use your own words.**

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Thanks, again, for helping with this letter-writing campaign. Winning this fight will require effort from all of us!

Best regards,
Friends of Central Vancouver
Amberglenn Good Works

[Today's date]

[Legislator's name]

[Legislator's address]

Re: **[Summarize the topic of this letter]**

For example:

- Concrete batch plant planned for Parcel ID # 119480000 / Clark County
- Opposition to a concrete batch plant in a residential area

Dear **[Legislator's name]**,

[Explain why you are writing]

For example:

- I'm writing to you today because...
- Recent developments have my entire neighborhood in an uproar ...

and give a reason, such as:

- I'm concerned about how changes to my neighborhood will impact our quality of life ...
- I'm hoping you'll be able to help us fight a threat to our neighborhood ...
- I heard you might be interested in the damage caused to our protected wetlands ...
- etc.

[Explain briefly what is happening]

For example:

- Recently, I learned that Knife River, a construction materials provider, plans to build a concrete batch plant in our neighborhood. *(Provide further details)* ...
- Zoning in a parcel next to our neighborhood has recently changed and a provider of construction materials, Knife River, is planning to build a concrete batch plant. *(Provide further details)* ...
- In January of 2021, Curtin Creek Meadows Town Homes was approved to be placed between the railroad tracks and Mt. View Estates. In March of 2021, the zoning for the adjacent property was changed from "Light Industrial" to "Rail Industrial". How could this change take place, allowing a concrete batch plant merely feet away from 62 new households? ...

[Provide more damning details about the plant]

For example:

- proximity to your neighborhood (and others)
- 95-foot silo
- 200 trucks per day
- rock crusher
- 24/7 operation

[Describe in detail what concerns you most about the plant - be concise, personal, and sincere]

For example:

Quality of life concerns:

- noise pollution
- nighttime light pollution
- air pollution (trucks)
- air pollution (silicate dust)
- increased traffic
- damage to our roads

Environmental concerns:

- Curtin Creek Wetlands
- wind-blown silicate dust

Medical concerns:

- respiratory illness (e.g., silicosis)
- asthma
- cancer
- diabetes
- depression
- PTSD
- effect on seniors, children, and those with compromised respiratory system
- effect on autistic children

County procedural concerns:

- zoning approval (describe zoning change history)

[Ask for help]

For example:

- I'm asking for your help to keep this concrete batch plant out of our neighborhood ...
- Can we count on you to help us fight this threat our neighborhood faces? ...
- We're doing our best to fight this, but need all the help we can get. Is there anything you can do? ...
- Can you give us your support in fighting this threat to our neighborhood? ...

[Provide some closing details, summarizing your objection]

For example:

- Our entire neighborhood is opposed to the plant ...
- The health of the community should take precedence over the interests of growth ...
- Our health and safety shouldn't be placed in jeopardy for the sake of development ...
- A lot of time and money have been invested in our wetlands, and it would be a tragedy to see them destroyed. ...

Sincerely yours,

[Your signature]

[Your name]

[Your address]

[Your email address]

[Your phone number]

Here are some additional details that might be useful:

The property in question is located at 7511 NE 101st St., Vancouver, WA 98662, on a lot referred to as “Parcel ID # 119480000”. The zoning for the parcel was changed in 2021 from LI (light industrial) to IR (rail industrial), presumably to allow construction of the plant. Because the parcel is located immediately adjacent to residential developments, we believe that operating a concrete batch plant there is contrary to the interests of the community.

The circumstances surrounding the change in zoning appear a little unusual:

- Clark County staff initially recommended against the change, and the application (OLR-2020-00059 - Pioneer Industrial Rezone) was denied by Land Use Hearings Examiner Joe Turner on August 6, 2020. (Pioneer Industrial, LLC, is the company that applied for the re-zoning prior to selling the property to Knife River.)
- The decision was appealed by Pioneer Industrial. During the appeal, they then entered into a settlement agreement with Clark County that required a covenant limiting the uses that would be allowed under IR zoning. The covenant, recorded on February 2, 2021, also established special review criteria and required a Conditional Use Permit for those uses.
- The court then remanded the case back to the Land Use Hearings Examiner. The County staff recommended approval of the remanded application, and the rezone request was approved by the Hearings Examiner on March 12, 2021.

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