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Statement of Concern, Reference NRCB Application LA19036

This letter is from both, Dean and Hannah Brauer, landowners. We live at NE Quarter 3 9 27 W4 which places us immediately south of the area where the proposed redeveloped feedlot will be located as per application number LA19036.

We would like the application rejected.

Objections include:

Switching from a small 100 head hog farm to a feedlot for 3,000 head of cattle is a significant change to our rural community.

1. Hazardous smells, germs, insects and bacteria.
2. Air and noise pollution will affect our way of life.
3. The procedures relating to the substantial increase in manure is a great threat. The storage smell and disposal of bovine feces will be problematic and potentially hazardous.
4. Property values significantly decrease when properties are adjacent to feedlots. Regulated livestock feeding operations have a negative effect on nearby residential property values. The concentration of livestock, the distance to the closest regulated livestock operation and the prevailing wind direction lead to negative public attitudes that impact the views of real estate professionals. Who will be held responsible for the impact on our property value?
5. The pressure placed on already aging, narrow township roads and surrounding highways is another legitimate concern. Residential traffic in the form of family vehicles and school busses will be affected by the overuse of these country roads by large vehicles and various machinery needed to maintain their feedlot. Not just a concern, but also a danger.

6. The potential for a disease outbreak, like *Foot and Mouth Disease*, the methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacterium or any other diseases that affects humans. Ill prepared feedlot operators don't know how to handle outbreaks and other emergencies. Unclear and unpracticed emergency plans.
7. Concerns relating to human health, water quality and the environment are vague and not clearly known. What will happen to the quality of our well water? There is a high chance that our water supply will diminish. 3000 head of cattle along with all other cattle in our rural community can diminish our water supply. There will be a constant concern and stress about future problems. Fear of the unknown.

We understand this is only a correspondence to let you know our concerns. There is evidence that the Muilwijk's have expanded their operation and approval is unavoidable. We just hope you will take our concerns into consideration as you review their application.

We appreciate your time.

 

Dean and Hannah Brauer
Landowners