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Lindsey Green
Township of Southgate
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RE: Zoning By-law Amendment C15-26
Concession 6, East Part Lot 24 (106078 Southgate Road 10)
Township of Southgate (Geographic Township of Proton)
Roll: 420709000606601
Owner: Quietbrook Industries Inc. (John MS Martin)
Applicant: Solomon Martin

Dear Ms. Green,

This correspondence is in response to the above noted application. We have had an opportunity to review the application in relation to the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and the County of Grey Official Plan (OP). We offer the following comments.

The purpose and effect of the subject application is to permit a future expansion of a dry industrial On Farm Diversified Use to allow 750 square metres of floor area and 500 square metres outdoor storage. Currently, Section 5.29 (v) of the Zoning By-law limits floor area to ±360 square metres and 350 square metres storage on a ±20.1-hectare lot. This would allow for a 750 square metres dry industrial shop with 500 square metres storage in a 4,000 square metre operating area on the subject lot.

Schedule A of the County OP designates the subject lands as 'Rural'. Section 5.2.1(1) states,

> *Permitted uses in the Agricultural land use type include:*
>
> *b) On-farm diversified uses (See Table 7);*

In addition, Section 5.2.2(5) of the County OP states,

> *MDS I will generally not be required for on-farm diversified uses, except where a municipality has required MDS to apply in their municipal official plan or zoning by-law.*

The proposed on-farm diversified use is permitted within the Rural designation. It is recommended that the use conform to MDS, if indicated within the municipality's Zoning By-Law.

Section 5.2.2 Table 8 states that the on-farm diversified use shall be,

> *The lessor of: 2% of the total size of the property, or a maximum combined area of the use of 8,000 square metres.*

Further, Section 5.2.2(17) of the County OP states,

> *The gross floor area of the buildings (combined total for all buildings associated with the on-farm diversified uses) shall not exceed 20% of the total area of the on-farm diversified use.*

The subject property is approximately 20 hectares in size which would permit a total area of 4,000 square metres to be used for the proposed OFDU, including all parking, loading, buildings, servicing, and outdoor storage. The gross floor area for any structures would be limited to 800 square meters. The applicant's proposed use will have a total area of 4,000 square metres and the proposed shop would be 750 square metres, both of which conform with the County OP; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

Section 5.2.2(20) of the County OP states,

> *Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) D-6 Guidelines, or any successor thereto, shall be considered for any new agricultural-related uses or on-farm diversified uses or an industrial nature in the Agricultural, Special Agricultural, or Rural land use types, to guide the separation of industrial uses from nearby dwellings, institutional uses, or other sensitive non-agricultural uses. Uses which are covered as normal farm practices by the Farming and Food Practices Protection Act (FFPPA) shall not be required to meet the D-6 Guidelines, provided they meet all required Provincial noise, air, water, and wastewater standards.*

Municipal staff shall review the applicability of the D-6 Guidelines to the proposed development.

Schedule A of the County OP indicates that the subject lands contain 'Hazard Lands'. The proposed development is located outside of the Hazard Lands; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

Schedule B of the County OP indicates that the subject lands are within 300 metres of a 'Mineral Resource Extraction Area' and contains 'Aggregate Resource Area'. The proposed development is located more than 300 metres from the Mineral Resource Extraction Area and is located outside of the Aggregate Resource Area. Therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

Schedule C of the County OP indicates that the subject lands contain 'Linkage'. The proposed development is located outside of the Linkage; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

Appendix B of the County OP indicates that the subject lands contain 'Significant Woodlands'. The proposed development is located outside of the Significant Woodlands. County Planning Ecology staff have reviewed the subject application and have no concerns.

Should the applicant seek to injure or destruct trees on lands that extend more than 15 metres from the outer edge of which a Building Permit has been issued, staff recommend consulting the County's Forestry Management By-law http://grey.ca/forests-trails. An exemption to the by-law includes the injuring or destruction of trees required in order to install and provide utilities to the construction or use of the building, structure or thing in respect of which a Building Permit has been issued.

Provided D-6 Guidelines are addressed; County Planning staff have no concerns with the subject application.

The County requests notice of any decision rendered with respect to this file.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Yours truly,

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