

Dear Bob,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mayor and Council regarding the Stockwell rezoning application.

I believe you do make a valid point, that perhaps our membership should have been canvassed prior to preparing a response to the proposal. Unfortunately, our community organization was asked to respond to the proposal with a deadline of January 6th. Coming over the holiday season, with many people away, this gave us very little time to respond.

You suggest that we should have conferred with the Stockwell's, but why would we do this when our position remains that the operation of a cement plant in a residential area is inappropriate, and contrary to the OCP? Not only that, we are very concerned about spot zoning, which removes a degree of certainty for current residents and those who may be considering purchasing property in a given area.

All of the responses we have received from our membership to date have been supportive, yours being the only exception. I know that the democratic process is unwieldy, you're never going to get everyone in agreement on an issue, but I am confident that our response represents a majority of our membership.

Regards,  
Michael Siddall,  
Director,  
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