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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Concerns Regarding Development of Organic Pit in Residential Area

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of an organic pit in our residential area. As a concerned member of the community, I believe it is crucial to address the potential negative impacts this development may have on our health, quality of life, and environment.

First and foremost, the organic pit plans to process various forms of organic waste, including incontinence and baby diapers, which may contain bio-hazardous substances. Given that there are numerous residential homes and apartments located less than 100 meters away, I am deeply concerned about the potential health risks associated with such close proximity to hazardous waste processing. The detrimental effects on air quality, odours, and the potential for the spread of harmful pathogens cannot be overlooked. It is essential that the health impact on the neighbouring community is thoroughly considered before proceeding with this development.

Furthermore, the drilling work required for the pit's construction is proposed to be conducted during weekdays and weekends. This inevitably implies the generation of significant noise pollution that will disrupt the peace and tranquillity of our community. The constant drilling sounds will not only disturb residents but may also negatively impact the well-being and concentration of children, students, and individuals who work or study from home.

Moreover, I strongly urge the council to engage experts to assess the potential traffic impact and associated health risks that this development may impose. Our roads are already heavily congested, causing inconvenience and frustration for commuters and residents alike. Adding approximately 120 trucks to the daily traffic volume, as projected for the operation of the organic pit, will undoubtedly exacerbate the current traffic woes, particularly around Church Street. This increased traffic will not only lead to longer commute times but also pose safety hazards and contribute to air pollution levels.

In light of these concerns, I implore you to reconsider the approval of the organic pit development. It is essential that alternative locations, away from densely populated residential areas, be explored. The health and well-being of the community should be prioritised, and the potential long-term negative impacts on our environment and quality of life must be thoroughly assessed.

I kindly request that you take my concerns into serious consideration and advocate for a thorough review of this development proposal. Our community's collective voice must be heard, and we should work together to ensure the best possible outcome for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.



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