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June 01, 2021

Mr. Robert Brown, Manager of Planning Services Planning & Development Services Department The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville 2021 Division Road North Kingsville Ontario, N9Y 2Y9

Dear Mr. Brown:

RE: Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-11-21

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The following is provided as a result of our review of Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBA-11-21. The subject parcel is a 61.74 ha (153 ac.) former gravel pit. Extraction operations have been concluded, the rehabilitation plan has been completed and the pit license has been surrendered to MNRF. The parcel has been returned to farm use and as such the applicant would like to remove the extractive industrial zoning from the property and return it to agricultural.

# DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCIAL INTEREST IN NATURAL HAZARDS AND REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

The following comments reflect our role as representing the provincial interest in natural hazards as outlined by Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act* as well as our regulatory role as defined by Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

We have reviewed our floodline mapping for this area and it has been determined this site is not located within a regulated area that is under the jurisdiction of the ERCA (Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*). As a result, a permit is not required from ERCA for issues related to Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation under the *Conservations Authorities Act*, (Ontario Regulation No. 158/06).

#### WATERSHED BASED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The following comments are provided in an advisory capacity as a public commenting body on matters related to watershed management.

SECTION 1.6.6.7 Stormwater Management (PPS, 2020)



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Our office has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns relating to stormwater management.

## <u>PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE TO PLANNING AUTHORITIES - NATURAL HERITAGE POLICIES OF</u> THE PPS, 2020

The following comments are provided from our perspective as an advisory service provider to the Planning Authority on matters related to natural heritage and natural heritage systems as outlined in Section 2.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the *Planning Act*. The comments in this section do not necessarily represent the provincial position and are advisory in nature for the consideration of the Planning Authority.

Our information indicates that the subject property may support habitat of endangered species and threatened species. As per Section 2.1.7 of the PPS, 2020 – "Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in habitat of endangered species and threatened species, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements". All species listed as endangered or threatened (aquatic species, plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc.) as well as their related habitats, are protected under the Ontario Endangered Species Act. Prior to initiating any proposed works on this property, it is the proponent's responsibility to contact the Species at Risk Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) to ensure all issues related to the Endangered Species Act are addressed. All inquiries regarding the Endangered Species Act should be made with Permissions and Compliance Section of the MECP (e-mail address: SAROntario@ontario.ca).

#### FINAL RECOMMENDATION

With the review of background information and aerial photograph, ERCA has no objection to this application for zoning by-law amendment.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Vitra Chodha, E.P Resource Planner /vc

