August 22, 2018

The Honorable Erin E. Stewart, Mayor
City of New Britain
27 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Mayor Stewart:

Thank you for reaching out to Tilcon Connecticut regarding the proposed change in use of New Britain Water Company land to facilitate both the expansion of our Plainville quarry and the creation of a new public water storage reservoir.

In recent months, Tilcon Connecticut has engaged in a public discussion as stakeholders have considered the proposal. We provided extensive data about our operations as well as open access to our property both to expert engineers and interested members of the public. As a result, we have had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of both potential environmental impacts and the concerns of community members, and we concur with your decision to withdraw the proposal from further consideration.

Over the 90+ years we have operated at our Plainville site, Tilcon Connecticut has taken great pride in striving to be a responsible neighbor and good corporate citizen. Consistent with those principles, we approached the potential quarry expansion with the objective of not only strengthening our operations, but importantly, also providing significant public benefits through the donation of open space land and the creation of a new regional water resource. In the future, should policymakers express an interest in revisiting this proposal or others that would benefit the public, we would be happy to engage in discussions about how Tilcon Connecticut may contribute to solutions that enhance the central Connecticut community.

Thank you,

Gary Wall
President
Tilcon Connecticut

Cc:

Ramon Esponda, New Britain Department of Public Works
Chairman John Betkoski, Water Planning Council
Council on Environment Quality (CEQ)
New Britain Legislative Delegation (Senator Gerratana, Representatives Lopes, Petit, Sanchez, Tercyak)
Southington Legislative Delegation (Senator Markley, Representatives Aresimowicz, Fusco, Linehan, Sampson)
Plainville Legislative Delegation (Senator Martin, Representative Petit)
Mark Sciota, Town Manager, Southington
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