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Robert J. Kartholl, Chairman  
DuPage County Zoning Board of Appeals  
County of DuPage  
421 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 50187

Re: 6/29/17 Public Hearing - Zoning Petition 217-028, 9900 S. Route 83, Lemont, IL 60439

Dear Mr. Kartholl,

The Illinois Ornithological Society just learned of the subject Notice of the Public Hearing regarding Lorig Construction Company's petition for a Conditional Use to allow an asphalt batching plant at the above address. We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The Illinois Ornithological Society, a member of the Bird Conservation Network (BCN) wishes to express concern about the impact of this proposed operation on a nearby heron rookery. Said rookery, one of the largest in NE Illinois with over 100 nesting pairs along the south bank of the Des Plaines River just south and east of the proposed plant, is less than ¼ mile from the proposed plant. Note that the BCN coalition is a member of the American Bird Conservancy (ABC). In discussions with senior staff at ABC, ABC wishes to add its voice to the expression of concern over adverse impacts to the rookery, up to and including abandonment, if the Conditional Use permit is granted and the operation of this asphalt recycling plant begins.

Because of the potential detriment to the heron rookery, plus other nearby natural resources owned and maintained by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District – Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, and the Des Plaines Riverway Nature Preserve (a State of Illinois dedicated Nature Preserve just to the northeast of the proposed asphalt plant) supporting five state-endangered or threatened bird species observed/breeding at the Nature Preserve site – the Illinois Ornithological Society objects to the requested conditional use for an asphalt batching plant on the subject property and urges the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny the conditional use.

Please consider this as the Illinois Ornithological Society's request that this letter be read and entered into the public record at the hearing on June 29th, 2017. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 933-985-2956

Sincerely  
Bob Fisher  
Past President, Illinois Ornithological Society

The Purpose of the Illinois Ornithological Society (IOS), as stated in the organization's bylaws, is to promote the scientific and educational aspects of ornithology in the State of Illinois. IOS endeavors to support the well-being of birds and birding and encourages the general public to become interested in Illinois birds and birding. To achieve these objectives, the organization has, for the last twenty plus years, engaged in various activities:

cc: Joseph Cantore, President, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
Linda Painter, Commissioner, District 3, DuPage County Forest Preserve District