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Karl Schipprack Municipality of West Grey 402813 Grey Road 4 RR2 Durham, ON NOG 1R0

RE: Zoning By-law Amendment Z23.2023

Concession 3 EGR, Lot 26 Municipality of West Grey Roll: 42052200040910000

Owners/Applicants: Heather and Daniel Goetz

Dear Mr. Schipprack,

This correspondence is in response to the above noted application. We have had an opportunity to review the application in relation to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the County of Grey Official Plan (OP). We offer the following comments.

The purpose and effect of the subject application is to change the zone symbol on the subject lands from A2 (Rural), OS (Open Space), & NE (Natural Environment) to A2 (Rural), A2-h (Rural with a Holding Provision), OS-h (Open space with a Holding Provision) and NE (Natural Environment). The holding provision will ensure that development on the retained and severed parcel does not occur outside the developable area without an acceptable environmental impact study to the satisfaction of the County, Municipality, and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

County Forestry and Trails Services has reviewed the subject application and has a comment stating *The subject lands directly abut County forests Rocky Saugeen East to the east and Rocky Saugeen West to the south. No additional drainage should be diverted toward the County forests. One consideration may include posting signage indicating County Forest lands boundary and that off-trail access is not permitted, as well as marking trees to further delineate the forest boundary. The Rocky Saugeen tracts are multi-use forests that permit activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and hunting. Additionally, Rock Saugeen tracts are working forests subject to harvesting.*

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Provided no additional drainage is directed towards the County Forests and our comments relating to severance application B06-2022 have been addressed; County Planning staff have no concerns with the subject application.

The County requests notice of any decision rendered with respect to this file.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Yours truly,

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