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Geoff Atkins, Business Development, Sales and Marketing, Silfab Solar  
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From: Timothy J. Hegarty

Re: Proposed Fort Mill, SC Silfab Solar Cell Manufacturing Facility

Dear Sirs:

As a Fort Mill, SC resident I am obviously writing regarding your proposed facility at 7149 Logistics Lane in Fort Mill. We are all familiar with the facts surrounding this proposal so I won't bore you by referencing all the reasons why the Fort Mill community opposes this development. I do wish to point out two things though: (1) the local community is very well educated and aware of the details; and, (2) we are not anti-Silfab, anti-solar or anti-business development as the Move Silfab group has clearly stated. We do, however, believe that zoning laws truly exist for the benefit of all in the community and must be adhered to in all cases. Your proposed scope of work is clearly Heavy Industrial, despite all efforts to paint it otherwise, and if it was to be placed in an appropriately zoned district it would be welcomed to our area.

To date, your company and the York County Government have spent countless hours and dollars in a campaign to place your facility in a Light Industrial zone. During that time, your campaign has done nothing but attract negative attention and publicity to your brand despite any positive connotations that might otherwise be associated with your company and your Green Energy mission.

I imagine your position to date has been that you can weather this adversity since you clearly have the inexplicable support of the local York County Government officials. There does not appear to be a path where your company wins this battle to open the facility, but even if you do you will lose the war in the larger public opinion forum. Your brand is already suffering significant negative publicity locally which will certainly blow back nationally and, most importantly to you, in the marketplace.

As a concerned neighbor, I strongly suggest that you cut your losses here and announce that you will abandon any plans to develop in the proposed Light Industrial site immediately and begin a search in earnest in an appropriately zoned Heavy Industrial district. This action would send the message that your company is truly committed to being a good corporate citizen of the community in which it operates. I would venture to say that you could garner a huge amount of positive publicity by such an action. The alternative is to ride this out through a lawsuit that forces the York County residents to sue the York County Government to enforce the current Zoning laws as well as to uphold the lawful, immediate and unanimous decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals ruling "to reverse the interpretation of the Zoning Administrator that would allow solar panel manufacturing as a permitted use in a Light Industrial district".

Thank you for your consideration. Your response would be much appreciated.

Respectfully, Timothy J. Hegarty  
...and too many other concerned Fort Mill neighbors to list