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Dear Mayor and Councillors;

I was very disappointed in the result of the vote on November 27 to approve the staff report that requested amendments to the Official Plan to allow development of housing and businesses adjacent to the Natchurs Alpine plant. This is not a new issue. It is the same issue that was involved in the MZO in 2022, so the Councillors and Mayor must be aware of it. Note that the Alpine plant was built far away from any habitation on purpose. The West Texas explosion of a similar plant in 2013 should not be ignored.

A number of citizens took time out of their busy lives to delegate to try to inform you of the risks and asked you to postpone making an irreversible decision. Unfortunately, these delegates were treated like they were an annoyance. By your vote, you are ignoring best practices and are putting Wilmot and its taxpayers at serious risk. What will Council do if a developer goes to the Ontario Land Tribunal to force you to allow building on those sites? I suspect that if Natchurs Alpine loses its license to operate at the current site, they will be in a position to sue Wilmot and the Councillors who voted in favour for the cost of relocating their plant. That could run into many tens of millions of dollars - an amount far exceeding any financial benefit of allowing the development.

Regards,
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