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Dear Stephen

Please include Cllr Sarah Rook, as she has just sent her signed copy.

I sent just mine as I knew we were near the deadline. I hope we have our joint one included as I hope it is before the deadline.

Kind regards

Mary



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6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Dear Mr Aldridge

### **Re Lea Castle Quarry**

We would like to draw your attention to our concerns for the residents of the ward of Broadwaters. These go into to three main categories Health, Safety, and Highways.

#### **Health**

The main concerns are the pollutants that come from the actual digging and releasing of these into the atmosphere. It is not only dust but other elements. I would like to refer you to a document by Dr J. Wares ( ). The dust will of course despite the regular damping down still get into the atmosphere and be carried on the wind. There are many residents who are already sufferers of asthma and COPD and their conditions will be made considerably worse. It is noted that there is little protection by any trees or hedging between the quarry site and Harriers Green, James Road, Highfield Road and parts of Hurcott Road as they look straight across from their hillside to quarry site, so particles will be carried.

The noise coming from the site will also cause many people distress particularly as it is starting 7am to 5.30 pm every week day and 7 am Saturday mornings to 1pm. These are many hours of continuous grinding noises of the machinery for the residents to manage. There are schools nearby who need quiet especially in examination times of the year.

The light pollution that comes from this site in winter months needs to be monitored as there will have to be flood lights for the workmen to work by as it is dark in the winter months until well after 8.30 am and the light fails in November, December, January and into February from 3pm onwards again requiring extra flood lighting. The light pollution will affect the normal patterns of the local wildlife and endangering them even further, by reducing their capacity for survival during the winter months and their reproduction in the early spring.

## **Safety**

This area is particularly important as we have a large number of children who will be attracted to the site and will be very curious. There needs to be extra fencing and protective barriers even at night time to prevent accidents. There is little point putting up signs as written signs of any type can be challenging to their understanding. Only two years ago in July 2019 we had a fatality in Wyre Forest at a quarry in the Stourport area of a young teenager who drowned at that quarry site. We do not wish for this to happen here.

## **Highways**

Sion Hill is particularly steep 14% hill and therefore under no circumstances should any of these lorries be coming along this road, as there is also a primary school with just a Zebra crossing to protect the children crossing to St Oswald's School. Likewise, there should be no lorries going from the Sion Hill Junction towards Wolverley as there are many children who walk along these footpaths to Wolverley High School from Sion Hill area. The footpaths are extremely narrow along this road and a lorry could easily hit them. The number of young people using this healthy method of travelling to school is very noticeable particularly in the Spring, Summer and Autumn terms while the weather is good.

There should be extra highways funding as the road between the Old Broadwaters Inn and the Rose Theatre is combined with the A449 and the A451. The heavy traffic is already eroding this bit of road which is potentially likely to collapse into the river Brook. It was, when I was County Councillor, being monitored every 6 months as to its stability and safety. If this road collapses, then there are going to be major problems for the traffic entering into Kidderminster or leaving the town to the Black Country as these are major roads links.

There also needs to be regular cleaning of the roads to ensure there is no mud that when we have wet weather is more likely to cause accidents. The residents of Broadwaters have experienced this problem with the new building of the small estate on the old Sion Hill Middle school. Likewise in the Summer months the dust coming from the building works caused an enormous amount of dust particles that washing, had to be re-washed and dried indoors, windows and cars had to be washed nearly every week /day. The Quarry will cause many times that amount of dust and disruption, and what are the council/ Quarry owners going to do to recompense the residents many of them are already some of the poorest in the country, as they are covered by the DY10 Big Local with lottery money. They are therefore designated nationally as an area of extremely high need.

The Quarry will not be bringing any much needed work to the area, as the owners will already have their own teams they employ. There will be not any benefit at all to

the local community only increasing poor health, reduced resources, and depleted infrastructure.

Yours faithfully



Mary A. Rayner

Town and District Councillor



Sarah Rook

Town and District Councillor