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Lea Castle Farm Quarry Public Inquiry

Statement from Cllr Fran Oborski MBE

I have been a Wyre Forest Councillor for 50 years and was from 2001-2008

County Cllr for the St George and St Oswalds Division of Worcestershire

County Council which included most of

the Broadwaters area. ~~As a was a reset i~~

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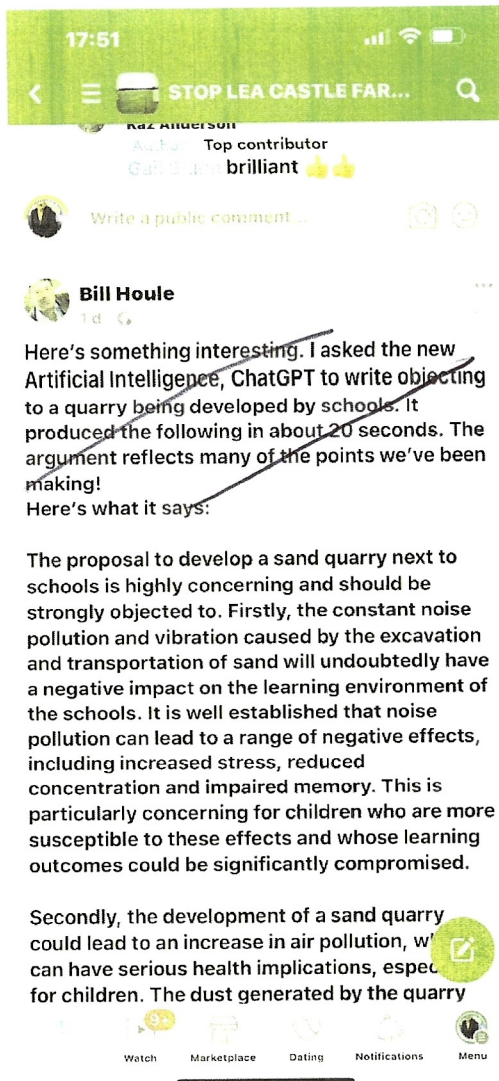
I was brought up in South Wales in a village between Newport and Cardiff but at the Grammar School I attended were ~~May~~ students from mining villages.

I saw the impact that "Miners' Dust Disease" had on their fathers and grandfathers; men in their forties and fifties who looked like 70 or 80 year olds.

Silica dust comprises minuscule particles which will not be filtered from the air. That dust, entering the lungs can cause silicosis and other life shortening conditions.

To have such a quarry with its entrance so near a Nursery School with children from three month old is horrendous.





Bill Houle

~~Here's something interesting. I asked the new Artificial Intelligence, ChatGPT to write objecting to a quarry being developed by schools. It produced the following in about 20 seconds. The argument reflects many of the points we've been making! Here's what it says:~~

~~The proposal to develop a sand quarry next to schools is highly concerning and should be strongly objected to. Firstly, the constant noise pollution and vibration caused by the excavation and transportation of sand will undoubtedly have a negative impact on the learning environment of the schools. It is well established that noise pollution can lead to a range of negative effects, including increased stress, reduced concentration and impaired memory. This is particularly concerning for children who are more susceptible to these effects and whose learning outcomes could be significantly compromised.~~

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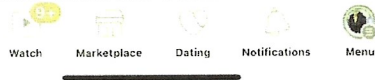


Secondly, the development of a sand quarry could lead to an increase in air pollution, which can have serious health implications, especially for children. The dust generated by the quarry could contain harmful particles, such as silica, which can cause respiratory problems and exacerbate existing conditions such as asthma. Given that the schools are located in close proximity to the proposed site, the risk of exposure to such pollutants is likely to be significant.

Thirdly, the sand quarry could have a significant impact on the local environment, including the wildlife and vegetation. The excavation of sand could disrupt local ecosystems and damage habitats, which would be particularly concerning given the proximity of the schools. Children should be taught to appreciate and protect the natural world, and the development of a quarry so close to their school could send a conflicting message.

Finally, the development of a sand quarry could also have economic implications for the schools and the wider community. Parents may be less inclined to enrol their children in schools that are located next to a noisy and polluting quarry, which could result in a decline in enrolment numbers and funding. Furthermore, property values in the area could be negatively affected, which would be a concern for both residents and local businesses.

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In conclusion, the proposal to develop a sand quarry next to schools is deeply concerning and should be strongly objected to on the grounds of the negative impact it could have on the learning environment, air and environmental pollution, as well as the economic implications for the schools and the wider community. It is crucial that the potential risks and negative consequences of such a development are carefully considered and alternative sites are explored.

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Rebecca Farnell

What is the nearest school to the proposed site and what is the distance?



Kaz Anderson

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Another factor which will impact on these young children is the incredible noise. Nursery age children need to have a sleep usually after lunch.

The noise of this quarry will impact on that sleep time and disrupted sleep patterns in young infants can lead to serious conditions.

~~(insert the ChatGPT pages)~~

Closing remarks:

In 1989 I went, as a guest of the Polish Solidarnosc Trade Union to the first Miners' Patronal Festival (The Barborka) which they had been allowed to hold since the Communist Government forbade it in 1947.

Most of the celebrations were held in Katowice a heavily polluted mining and steel working city.

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I do not believe that this is a coincidence. Is this what we want for the children around Lea Castle, Sion Hill, Cookley and Wolverley?

Please reject this monstrous application.

