

Dear Sir

I'm writing to register my objection to the proposed quarry at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley.

I believe that if allowed to proceed this quarry will have a detrimental effect on the local environment and also a detrimental effect on local peoples health. The proposed site is and will be if proposed planning is passed surrounded by housing and whether or not the site can be seen from said housing dust and whatever else comes out of this quarry will plague them for as long as the quarry is operational.

If sand can be carried from as far away the Sahara Desert to cover our homes and vehicles with sand dust in certain weather conditions I wonder what effect the proposed quarry will have in a much shorter distance!

I also have doubts about the inert refill that is to be used to replace the excavated sand I wonder if the local council has the manpower to monitor this to make sure contaminated fill is not used.

Economically I cannot see any benefit to the local community or Kidderminster itself, I think the value of local housing will fall and make property in this area difficult to sell. As for local businesses I can only see a loss in trade especially if the local caravan touring park was to see a downturn in visitors this would effect trade at the two local pubs the Lock and the Queens Head drastically. It would be a disaster if either of these pubs were forced to close as they bring visitors from far and wide to not only eat and drink but also enjoy our wonderful environment.

I therefore I believe that taking all of the above into account I think the planning application for the Lea Castle Quarry should be rejected for the sake of the Wolverley and Cookley communities, others nearby and the many visitors to this area.

Yours sincerely  
Neil Colclough