

Please accept this as my objection to a 110 acres of greenbelt land at Lea Castle Farm being turned into a sand and gravel quarry.

This land forms the borders of several local villages one being Wolverley where I moved to just 8 years ago. I moved here for my family to enjoy beautiful countryside and cleaner air. This August I was delighted to become a grandparent to a beautiful baby boy, sadly he has been born with cystic fibrosis a life-limiting, genetic condition without a cure, it is a progressive, genetic disease that affects the lungs, pancreas, and other organs. I believe the proposed quarry will subject the local area to 11 years or more of Silica dust exposure, which can cause lung inflammation and scarring, and lead to pulmonary fibrosis, a disease that can seriously impact people with cystic fibrosis. As a grandparent I will do everything possible to protect my baby grandson. The quarry will mean he cannot safely visit us at home, this will result in us being forced to move away from the area, to keep him safe from harm.

I am sure we are not alone with our concerns for health and well-being. Anyone in the local community could be adversely affected by the airborne particles travelling from the quarry. Noise and disruption can cause anxiety and stress, as can the feeling that your village is being violated by a quarry tearing up its incredible landscape and killing wildlife.

The road the quarry lorries would use is narrow, has little street lighting and already is a busy road at certain times of day, it's dangerous for School children to walk along. There are 3 local schools just along the road from the proposed site, large quarry lorries will surely increase the risk of accidents happening and increase the danger to children or anyone else walking along the narrow footpaths.

Having previously lived not far from a quarry I know the lorries are big and noisy, the dust travels and enters your property and when the quarry is redundant the land is used for housing.

This quarry is not welcome and should be refused due to the devastation it will cause to the landscape, wildlife and for the health, safety and well-being of our local communities.

Regards  
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