

Re current quarry inquiry

Having previously objected to the quarry, and having followed this current inquiry online, I am emailing to reiterate in the strongest of terms my objections to the quarry, as a Cookley resident of 14 yrs who teaches at Cookley primary school, and as a concerned parent.

My objections are, and always have been, around air quality, noise, and the added pollution and risk of accidents from HGV's.

In particular, I'm emailing now as having listened to this inquiry's discussions over transport, I am horrified by the proposed number of HGV's that will be travelling along school walking routes, and I cannot imagine how these HGV's will not hold up traffic at the hazardous A449 junction (regardless of the direction they head in). The B road is not wide enough to support all of these lorries passing through, and there is only one narrow pavement along that road, meaning there is a risk to pedestrians - many being older children and teens who are walking unsupervised.

I am also convinced that (as well as the inevitable loss of value of residents' homes - including ours), many local businesses will suffer and close - particularly those around tourism which rely on visitors from outside the area. People will simply choose to go elsewhere.

If the quarry goes ahead, we will immediately take our children out of the local primary school and move out of the village, even if it means great financial hardship and being unable to sell our house. We will be absolutely gutted, as we have grown to love this community and the beauty of our village and open spaces. But we will not put our physical and mental health at risk to stay. We know that others will do the same if they can. No matter how beautiful the quarry ends up looking when they have finally finished with it, the village will never be the same again. Please I beg you, do not allow this quarry to go ahead, and please put an end once and for all to 5 years of worry and anxiety.

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