

Subject: Objection to Proposed Quarry Development at Lea Castle Site

Dear Worcestershire County Council Planning Team,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed quarry development at the Lea Castle site by NRS. This project poses serious risks to our community, environment, and local infrastructure, particularly given its proximity to a school and new residential estates.

1. Environmental Impact:

The proposed quarry will significantly disturb local wildlife habitats, particularly affecting protected species that are integral to the area's biodiversity. This disruption will not only harm local flora and fauna but also reduce the natural beauty and tranquillity of our environment.

2. Health Risks Near Schools and Residential Areas:

The quarry's close proximity to a school and recently built housing estates raises serious concerns about air quality, with dust and particulate matter potentially impacting the health of schoolchildren, residents, and particularly vulnerable groups like the elderly and those with respiratory conditions. Prolonged exposure to these pollutants can lead to serious health issues, especially for young children.

3. Noise Pollution and Disturbance:

The constant noise from quarry machinery, along with heavy truck movements, will create an intrusive environment for nearby schools, families, and residents. This disruption level is unsuitable for an area with new homes and a community focused on a peaceful, safe lifestyle.

4. Traffic and Road Safety Near Residential and School Areas:

With a school and new housing nearby, increased heavy vehicle traffic poses a significant risk to road safety. The additional trucks on local roads could endanger students walking to school, disrupt daily commutes, and create congestion that affects both residents and emergency service access.

5. Long-term Economic Impact:

The quarry could negatively impact property values in these new housing estates and deter future investors and residents from the area. The Lea Castle site has the potential for more sustainable development that could provide lasting benefits without the adverse effects of a quarry.

In summary, I urge you to consider the substantial negative impacts this quarry would have on our community, particularly on nearby schools and residential areas. This development does not align with the health, safety, and sustainable future of our local area.

Thank you for considering these serious concerns.

Yours sincerely,
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