

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed sand and gravel quarry on Lea Castle.

We have lived in Cookley for over 8 years and can't believe there is potentially going to be a Quarry around the corner.

We have 4 children - 7,5,3 and 1 years old. It's absolutely breaking my heart that this could be a massive health risk for them as they grow up, not to mention our own as parents. All our children love the outdoors. They are never inside in the summer, and get out in the garden as much as they can over the winter period. If this quarry was to go ahead we would literally be worrying everytime we let them outside, thinking is this the right thing to do, are we destroying our children's health by doing so, but at the same time, why should we have to keep them indoors, in their own home, own garden, own village.

Where the quarry is proposed to be situated, we enjoy weekly walks over the fields. We have our own little route, allowing the children to explore, burn off energy and see the horses. We then end our walk with a trip to the little shack at the social club for a cup of tea. Our Sundays would be ruined if this went ahead. Who wants to go for walks in polluted air.

I'm not going to go into all the official statistics and scientific side of this, because honestly I'm not clued up on that. But I just want to express how concerned we are for our future. I am only 31 years old, with my husband 34 and 4 young children. We have so much to look forward to and build our lives here in Cookley. Please, please don't let this Quarry go ahead.

Kind regards
Laura O'Neill