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Ref: Planning Application – Cookley, Wolverley & Lea Castle Quarry

I, as a concerned member of our local community, feel strongly the need to file my objections to this proposed new quarry operation, Lea Castle Quarry.

Health

The start-up mining operation on the hillside could create a substantial amount of silica dust from the blasting and the transfer of rocks by heavy trucks to the on-site processing plant which by itself, will create more dust as the rocks are ground up into the aggregate. The prevailing winds up and down our villages corridor could deposit this dust our communities.

I have lived in the community for 3 years and enjoy walking with our young family and our dog on Lea Castle. I am a parent of two children and I want them to grow up in an environment where they have a sense of a clean, natural environment fully of wide life to help them understand the importance of nature on our lives hence moving from the city to Lea Castle. In addition, the noise pollution from blasting, mining operation and on the proposed site processing plant will be heard by the local residents living in the communities. Noise causes stress, which is a proven health risk factor and root cause in many mental and physical illnesses. As we are all aware from our time during the recent pandemic, the natural world came back to life and I as others fear, the proposed quarry will destroy health, well being and our wildlife.

The destruction of natural habitat, devastation of the wildlife, some of which is endangered, pollution, dust filled atmosphere, noise pollution, all contribute to worsening of carbon footprint, that is not in keeping with our Country's environmental pledge to cut emissions.

At the heart of my families objection is the impact on our community and wildlife. When will enough be enough?

Our children deserve to nurture their childhood in such an untouched environment and that they will not be able to grow in a wonderful environment enriched with so many wonderful and natural things that can't be experienced in inner cities, only this week in the news a prosecution occurred due to the clean air and the impact harmful emissions are causing on our lives and environment.

All objections should be treated whole as they intent they are written and not just in terms of how they should look at the situation and our villages future.

Kind regards,
Claire Farmer