

Statement from Dominic Carty, Cookley Resident

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My wife is currently 8 months pregnant. My soon to be son will be one among hundreds of other babies and small children growing up and living in Cookley, Wolverley, Broadwaters and the new Lea Castle housing development.

All of these children will sleep, eat, play, go to school and spend 99% of their lives within roughly half a mile to a mile of a constant stream of heavy goods vehicle and industrial excavation exhaust fumes. While additionally being showered in a constant stream of harmful and potentially deadly silica dust.

My family has a history of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and asthma, hereditary breathing conditions which constrict the air ways. I simply cannot see how breathing in fumes and silica dust constantly for over 10 years will not be detrimental to the health of my own child and the many other children in my community.

I cannot believe this site is the only possible location for a sand quarry of all things and that there isn't a much more suitable remote location far from population centres. I also cannot believe that a company of people would fight so desperately to put a quarry right in the centre of 4 populated communities, next to not one but 5 Schools!

I thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and I know that the better judgement of the planning inspectorate will prevail.