

Both myself Claire Bowen and Jonathan Bowen are concerned as detailed below

The extreme proximity of the quarry to the five schools of children whose young lives will be affected directly by the air pollution. Our child attends one of these schools and has Chronic Lung Disease from being born extremely prematurely at 24+5. We have huge concerns over his lungs being exposed to the dust and chemicals released from this quarry as identified in expert reports at previous enquiry. There are hundreds of children across these schools who will be affected health wise. You cannot ignore this when formulating your decision.

A lot of children will be travelling past the quarry site directly and so exposed also on their journeys to school at higher concentration levels.

On the NHS website it details Silicosis which is caused by inhaling fine particles of dust from rock sand and clay. Which is what will be put into the air from this quarry. It develops over 5-10 years and medical issues may not be apparent straight away but can affect the children long term.

The financial drain on already underfunded local medical resources arising from this needs to also be considered as across all the children and adults in the area it puts huge pressure on an already crumbling NHS system when there doesn't need to be. Surely a site with less proximity to housing and schools would be a better location. NRS already own multiple sites across the midlands.

The increase in the volume of traffic with the number of extra lorries turning onto the narrow B4189 Wolverley Road which will increase the potential for accidents on this already dangerous road. These lorries also release significant amounts of pollution into the air around the quarry. In addition to this it must be taken into consideration also the dust that is released from the lorry traffic outside of any other measures.

It also disappoints me that the general public who have limited finances in a very difficult economic time are so disadvantaged in these reviews that they are expected to compete against a group of multiple companies who turns over £40m and can afford huge legal representation bills.

The quarry proposal has already been rejected on three separate occasions, we therefore trust that a fair and final decision will be made and original rulings upheld.

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