

Subject: 19/000053/CM

7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to re-iterate my recent objections to the quarry. My objections then, currently still stand. They have not gone away, despite the number of times that NRS have appealed.

Due to current work commitments, I have been unable to attend the current inquiry, so I do hope that my written letter will be taken into consideration at this current time and if permitted, read out to those in attendance.

I am incredibly concerned about both my children's health. They currently attend Cookley Seabright School. They enjoy the open space and being able to attend after school clubs. My son has recently taken to a love of football, but if the proposed quarry goes ahead, I shall be hesitant as to whether he can continue with this. Such a detriment to children's health and wellbeing and all those that live in this beautiful area.

Having recently completed a secondary school application for my daughter to attend Wolverley Secondary school for September 2025 intake, despite this school being in our catchment area and my daughter's preferred choice, I cannot help but still have major concerns as to the impact of my daughter's health in the future as the proposed quarry will be so close. The decision of the proposed quarry has loomed over the area for so many years, but we have had to proceed with our school choice and with best intentions with the information we have now – that there is no quarry and therefore it is currently safe for her to attend.

With the collapse of the Lea Lane route, our choice routes to the future secondary school are either by foot, or by car. By car, we are unable to use Lea Lane as a shorter route to the school and will therefore have to join the A449 to attend the school, joining the proposed quarry HGV traffic. Walking will no longer be an option, due to the HGV traffic along the roadside. It is not at all safe and the pollution from the additional traffic will be excessive.

Having lived in an area previously, where there was a factory in operation, my husband and I were always alarmed at how even the smallest of particles could end up on our windowsills, creating a thin layer of black soot. No matter how often we wiped the surfaces clean, the black soot particles were there the following day. We chose to move away to a more rural location and moved to Cookley to start a family over 12 years ago for this reason. Our children's health is paramount. The scenery and surrounding countryside has always been special. We can not imagine it to be any other way.

We have friends that like to visit us periodically throughout the year and they use Wolverley caravan park to do so. It is highly likely that their visit to us will no longer happen as they too have children and will not wish to stay so close to the proposed quarry, due to the dust and pollution. This too takes business away from the local economy.

I understand that NRS have consulted a handful of residents in the local area, but that's not the 1000's of residents that live here, which is clearly a bigger number! I have not been consulted by NRS and have not received any correspondence from them and my view is just as important – They have consulted such a small proportion of the local community.

Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council and Wyre Forest District Council have all rejected the planning application, each party have clear knowledge of the local area and who understand the huge impact on the local area, such as the schools that will be impacted, residents and local business and everybody's health, not to mention the outstanding natural beauty we are so lucky to have on our doorstep.

I do hope my past and further objections are taken into consideration when the final decision is made.

Yours sincerely

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