

I object to the revised proposal of a sand and gravel quarry at Lea Castle in Wolverley. I have been following the enquiry since the first proposal. I also sent an objection to this proposal. Watching the YouTube recordings of last weeks enquiry with the new inspector has horrified me.

As a primary school teacher and mother to two teenage boys I have spent the last 21 plus years teaching children to respect the natural environment. This quarry proposal goes against every lesson about preserving natural habitats that I've ever taught.

As a family we have lived in Wolverley since 2010, choosing to move to a semi rural location surrounded by nature, from a busy housing estate in the built up area of Brierley Hill. We made this decision to give our toddler and his younger brother due to be born the following year, a better quality of life.

We have raised our two boys here in Wolverley and they attend Wolverley High just metres away from the proposed quarry site. I am concerned about the increase in a heavy load of traffic as both of my sons walk to and from school. The increase in volume of traffic with added and unwanted quarry trucks is deeply concerning. I am also perturbed by the thought of a reduction in air quality and local children, the future of our country, breathing in silica dust which is inevitable with quarrying. I have read that this can lead to respiratory problems such as silicosis.

The site at Lea Castle is a site of outstanding natural beauty and is enjoyed by locals and visitors to our wonderful village. These include joggers, amblers, dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists to name but a few. In such troubled times, making the fullest use of the great outdoors to benefit mental and physical health has never been greater.

There are 4 schools, 1 care home, a camp site, an equestrian centre, local pubs and other businesses and two historical villages at stake here. Facilities which the residents of Wolverley and Cookley deserve to use and enjoy freely. We pay our taxes like everyone else. A quarry would impact upon all of these and many more facilities besides.

I feel strongly that I should register my objection for a second time. The correct decision being no quarry! Please consider the wider communities wishes when decision making.

Yours sincerely  
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