

I feel moved to register my objection and that of my husband to the proposed quarry at Lea Castle.

My husband and I live in Wolverley and have done since 1986 when we chose to move here to raise our family. We have seen much change in the local area over the years, new residential settlements, increased traffic etc. But until now this did not detract from the beauty of the place nor the relative health benefits from living surrounded by countryside.

My primary concern is regarding the effect of the silica dust on the health of nearby residents over a predicted 11 year period, the actual number of said residents is rising at the moment with increasing new residential buildings in surrounding areas. In addition to this there are FIVE schools within a mile of the site. The number of children who will pass through these schools over 11 years whose health could be seriously affected is mind boggling to say the least and a cause of great concern.

On a personal level I suffer from asthma and am very worried to the point of planning to relocate somewhere healthier should this proposal get the go ahead, something that in our late 60's my husband and I would rather not contemplate. We are, however, lucky to have that option as many of the closer residents to the proposed quarry site are in former local authority housing (housing association) and they have very little chance of relocating which makes them sitting ducks for whatever health threats come their way with the proposed quarry.

Finally the effect of additional traffic, most of which is heavy vehicles constantly moving to and from the site on an already over loaded traffic infrastructure can only be detrimental to the town and surrounding villages.

We understand that there is a need for this kind of quarrying, and that no one really wants it in there locality but surely there are better options than in a beautiful but highly populated edge of town village?

Regards
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