

To whom it may concern,

I am formally objecting to the proposed Lea Castle Quarry Application for the following reasons:

1. Pollution

School's in the nearby vicinity, one of which is directly opposite the site of the quarry, metres away. The quarry will have a devastating impact on the air quality in the surrounding areas, particularly within the school envelopes and this will impact children of nursery age through to University age. The cost to the NHS and to those children from potential respiratory health issues is completely unnecessary. Not to mention the unknown potential carcinogenic impact from breathing in dust throughout children's formative years where they spend, in many cases 8 hours a day breathing in the fresh countryside air currently.

2. Traffic and road congestion

The proposed quarry would have potentially catastrophic effects on the local area. Particularly with a school directly opposite the site. Suggested 150 vehicle movements of heavy goods vehicles on an already extremely busy road (A449) will be incredibly dangerous to pupils who use the road to walk to local schools in Wolverley and make turning in and out of the school opposite incredibly dangerous. The potential cost to very young lives is completely avoidable!

3. Environmental

- The proposed quarry would completely change the areas biodiversity and impact wildlife, including plants, insects, trees, and key pollinators essential to our ability to continue agricultural production (of which there is much in the local area)
- Not to mention the impact to the many who use the countryside for mental health and wellbeing, which will have a knock on effect to the NHS demand for these services that are already stretched to breaking point.

4. Impact to local businesses

There are many businesses within the locality that rely on tourism and without the beautiful open countryside and with the introduction of a quarry, this will undoubtedly mean a reduction in visitors to the area.

Regards,

Concerned resident and parent.

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