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Dear Mr Aldridge

Reference Planning Application 19/000053/CM

I wish to provide the following additional information to my previous objection against the proposal for the quarry at Lea Castle.

The quarry, if approved, will be situated on a previous country estate which retains much of its glorious landscape and views which would have been in evidence in 1700s/ 1800s when the estate was a thriving country house estate. This would be ruined over a period of eleven years for the following reasons;-

The quarry will be situated in a greenbelt area surrounded by the rural villages of Wolverley and Cookley as well as adjacent to the edge of Kidderminster (Sion Hill). This means that in an area of natural beauty, this proposal will affect 1000s of residents living near by.

Furthermore, there are three new housing developments which are being built in the vicinity of the proposed quarry. There are 56 new homes at the Sion Hill school site, 90 units at Weavers Chase and literally across the road from the proposed site of the quarry is the development of 600 to 1400 new homes at Lea Castle site which is to take place over a number of years. This will most likely take place at the same time as the development of the quarry. Therefore, residents will not only be faced with a huge housing development but also a quarry lasting 10 years - surely that cannot be right or fair?

The above will have a significant impact on traffic levels especially on the A449. This already busy road is situated between the proposed quarry and the new housing development of Lea Castle. The increase in traffic levels as a result of the new houses as well as the proposed 70 plus lorry journeys per day from the quarry will have a detrimental impact on the environment with an increase in noise and pollution levels.

It has also been recorded that Kidderminster has the second worst air pollution within the West Midlands at the Horsefair. This is just over a mile

away from the proposed site of the quarry. Whereas Residents could walk to the edge of town and into the countryside this would not be possible as the quarry will make sure that what is a beautiful area of countryside will be blighted by yet more pollution.

Since I submitted my original objection on 13th March 2020, there has been a nationwide pandemic, which has made us all the more aware of the value of the simple pleasures in life under such circumstances. There has been a real shift to improving and maintaining peoples wellbeing and mental health. Enjoying walking, jogging and cycling have become so much more important in peoples lives to help maintain their mental wellbeing and physical health. This proposal will severely curtail those pleasures for local residents with the impact on the environment as well as an increase in noise and pollution levels.

The proposals will also include the removal of a well used footpath and established right of way through the country estate with far reaching views over the surrounding countryside. I use this path through the estate on average 4 times a week and is a superb location for jogging for me and other joggers. The route takes in the views of the estate and countryside as well as the canal which runs adjacent to the estate. With the introduction of the quarry it will ruin this outlook for me and other residents that jog, cycle or walk in the area.

I do hope you take into account the views of residents when making your decision as it is so important to future happiness of 1000's of residents in the area that this proposal will blight.

Kind Regards

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