

Form today's notification that it was possible to still notify of our objection to the proposed Lea Castle Farm quarry, attached is a letter from and on behalf of the 100+ members of Cookley Cricket Club.

Many of our members have already raised their own objections but we believe it is our responsibility to ensure that the enquiry are left in no doubt how strongly opposed we at Cookley Cricket Club are to the proposed quarry.

The cricket club is at the heart of the community and the thought of having our days and evenings blighted by the potential silica dust, noise and pollution that will undoubtedly result from a quarry operating less than 300m from our green space, is quite frankly horrifying.

It would be greatly appreciated if this email and our objection letter could be presented to the enquiry.

Many thanks for affording us this opportunity.

Regards

Mike Wood
Chairman - Cookley Cricket Club

Cookley Cricket Club
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12th November 2024

Subject: Objection to Proposed Quarry at Lea Castle Farm

I am writing on behalf of Cookley Cricket Club to formally object to the proposed quarry development near our cricket ground located at Lea Lane, Cookley. As a community sports club at the heart of the community, we have in excess of fifty senior cricketers and sixty junior cricketers ranging in age from 5 to 75 years old. We believe that this development poses significant risks and negative impacts on our community and the environment.

The proximity of the quarry to the cricket ground raises serious health and safety concerns. The dust and noise generated by quarry operations can adversely affect the respiratory health of individuals, particularly children, who use the cricket ground. Additionally, the increased traffic of heavy machinery poses a danger to the safety of all users of the area.

The proposed quarry will likely lead to environmental degradation, including the destruction of local flora and fauna. The cricket ground is not only a recreational space but also a green area that contributes to the ecological balance of our community. The quarry operations could disrupt this balance, leading to long-term environmental damage.

The cricket ground serves as a vital recreational and social hub for our community. It provides a safe space for physical activity, social interaction, and community events. The presence of a quarry nearby would significantly diminish the quality of life for residents and reduce the usability of this cherished community asset.

We urge the decision-makers to reject the proposed application for a quarry at Lea Castle Farm and consider alternative locations for the quarry that would not interfere with community spaces and to explore other options that would mitigate the negative impacts on our environment and public health.

In conclusion, we strongly oppose the proposed quarry development near our community cricket ground and request that this objection be taken into serious consideration. Protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our community and preserving our community spaces should be our top priority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
For and on behalf of Cookley Cricket Club

Mike Wood
Chairman