

Dear Inspector,

I have not submitted an objection previously as I had not realised the scale of the repercussions from the intended quarry. I am currently on maternity leave and have been able to watch the enquiry on Uou Tube and I am absolutely terrified of what lies ahead now that I feel educated on the proposals.

I live on Albrighton Drive and have done since December 2020. When we brought our first house we were absolutely delighted to be able to provide our children with a beautiful home near to their school (Wolverley High) after previously renting a property in Stourport. We both worked incredibly hard to be able to do this for our children's future with the intention of this being our forever home. The location was a key factor when deciding where we wanted to spend the rest of our lives. We then saved our hard earned money again and my husband worked incredibly hard giving us a beautiful garden to enjoy our free time in. My son has made wonderful friends on the estate, there are a large group of children who play outside together at weekends and in school holidays keeping them away from screens. They go to each others birthday parties which are often held in our gardens and they even set up a little group called weeders chasers who offer a weeding service to our neighbours, the children bring our community together.

In June we welcomed our beautiful baby girl and as we brought her through the front door for the first time I felt that life was complete and I was so thankful that she would have such a secure, stable home to live in as it is ours. That very same day I watched the children playing outside from my window and thought about how our daughter will one day play on our estate making her own friends. Every time I look out of the window I am grateful for the beautiful area that we live in, I still pinch myself from time to time as I can't believe we achieved this. Myself and my husband had very little when we met each other and are not entitled people we have built our lives from rock bottom and it means the absolute world to both of us that our children have this home to grow up and flourish in.

After listening to the enquiry in detail I am absolutely horrified. I feel a profound sense of guilt that I have not educated myself enough on the subject of the quarry and fear that other full time working local people will be in this position, it is only because I am on maternity leave that I have found myself with time to find out what could lie ahead for us. If permission is granted the future looks bleak. I would not want our family to spend time in the garden, I would not invite our friends and family over in the summer months for our much loved barbecues, breakfasts in the garden would be a thing of the past. I would not allow my precious children to go out on to the estate knowing that every time they step out I could be responsible for putting their health at risk. Our little girl wouldn't have the opportunity to play out and establish those wonderful friendships that my son has. I wouldn't want to feel the fresh air coming through the windows in the spring months. I wouldn't allow my children to walk home from school anymore, I already worry about them when they do as the paths are so narrow but with huge lorries travelling their route it would be nothing short of ridiculously dangerous. I would not want to send my daughter to a school in catchment area knowing that not only is she unsafe at home but every time she steps onto the playground her health is at risk. We

would no longer walk our dog around the beautiful countryside we are so lucky to enjoy in this area. I worry about what this would do to the mental health of our family as much as I do the physical health. Our choices would be to feel like prisoners in our own home or to uproot our family to somewhere that we are not putting their health at risk and in doing so, the stability and security we were so proud to provide our children would be taken away from us.

I hope that this will give you further insight to what impact these proposals have for young families like ours.

Kind regards

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