

I understand you are still taking objections to the Lea Quarry castle proposal?

My initial objection was mainly focused on the environment and the school children and the many schools that surround it.

Since the appeal hearings, I have learned and understand more as a consequence as to why this is such a terrible plan.

I hope that the council are only reviewing this based on having a duty to do so as opposed to seriously considering its viability!

I'll try to keep this short, so I will present my addition concerns as bullet points:

1. I have more recently needed to take my son to school by car and in doing so, I see just how awful the narrow walking paths are with school children walking down them. Children have a habit of acting erratically and I find my heart skipping with the current levels of traffic rattling past them. Not only should this road be improved based on the current traffic, but should more traffic be introduced the risks would be elevated even higher. In this scenario, will the council automatically improve the road system to be a dual carriage way, with wider barrier protected paths for the children? Additionally, pollution wise, the road would need to be wider to allow for pollution to dissipate to a lower level for pedestrians.
2. Airborne pollution, at no point have I heard how pollution would be policed and controlled, it is not right that we take chances with peoples health, there are children, care homes and everyday working people who need to remain fit and healthy.
3. Although it is mentioned that the area would be improved post quarry, what happens to the access we already have to greenspace? This is my regular walking route during my lunch break with my dog, without this space, my options are reduced to car journeys to walk her, this has a time and cost associated with it, has any thought been placed on whether a leisure route can simply be stripped away from the community?
4. How many times can they keep appealing, why is there not cap on how things can be pushed and as a result of this inquiry will something be done about preventing this and other planning requests using up so much Council time, public time and public private money? It seems unfair that the public have to pay to protect the environment around them, sure this is what an effective government system should do?

I'm aware that the above are a mixed of objections and comments about the system in place that governs, but I would like all to be on record.

Many thanks and I am always happy to answer questions.

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