

32 Bridge Road,
Cookley,
Kidderminster,
Worcestershire, DY10 3SB
November 2024.

Helen Skinner,
The Planning Inspectorate,
Temple Quay House,
2, The Square,
Bristol BS1 6PN.

Appeal Ref: APP/E 1855/W/22/3310099

Dear Ms. Skinner,

I wish to submit my strong objections to the proposed sand and gravel quarry at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Rd, Broadwaters, Kidderminster, by NRS Aggregates Ltd.

I have lived, all but 10 years of my life, in Cookley. My children were brought up in the village and both my grandchildren currently attend Cookley Primary School.

Along with thousands of others, we have always been able to use and enjoy the Green Belt land where the Quarry is proposed.

It is on part of a relatively narrow strip of open land that separates the ever expanding town of Kidderminster and

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Surrounding villages, so it is vital that this land remains an unspoilt, undisturbed environment, where people of all ages can engage with nature, while escaping the stresses of modern life.

It is well documented how freedom to use open spaces benefits peoples' mental and physical health.

Since the last Enquiry in March 2023, 600 new houses have been built and occupied in Lea Castle Village and planning permission has been granted for 800 more. The children from these houses will have to travel on the same roads that the proposed Quarry Lorries will use, to access whichever of the 5 local schools they attend.

On all sides of the proposed site, there are residences within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of its boundary! There are 5 schools all within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of its boundary! So thousands of school children, as well as residents, are going to be affected by the airborne dust particles, noise and an extra 120 a day, heavy lorries from the Quarry, using the already busy

B4189 and A449.

Three junctions with the A449 allow access to Cookley Village and several serious collisions have occurred at each of these. Larger delivery vehicles, buses, commercial vehicles, huge container lorries delivering and collecting goods to/from Titan Steel wheels, all have to use the one junction, along with most of the residents and 350 employees of Titan Steel wheels. There has been a fatality at this junction.

Circumstances have changed since the traffic survey was first conducted and the reason given for not having an 'up to date' one is 'faulty equipment'!

It does not make sense that one landowner, who lives hundreds of miles away, can have such a detrimental effect on the mental and physical health of thousands of people, of all ages and destroy historic Green Belt land so important to the area.

The proposal has already been rejected by an Enquiry and 3 councils who oversee the area.

Yours sincerely,

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