

My name is Geoff Cox, I'm a former BACP Accredited counsellor, with thirty years in private practice and various agencies, one of which was Cruse Bereavement Care for which I was also a supervisor of Cruse counsellors.

I am very concerned as to the effect the construction of a quarry, in such close proximity to the villages of Cookley and Wolverley, will have upon the mental health of the residents of them. Each and every one of the following will be a loss, and therefore cause bereavement, to all those who cherish the ambience and flora of the area set for destruction. Once gone it cannot be replaced as it is now.

- the unspoiled countryside which will, essentially, become an industrialised area.
- the clean air currently experienced by the widespread exposure to harmful mineral dust residents and children attending the five schools within less than a mile from the proposed site.
- the clean air due huge increase in traffic with 70 + HGV lorries making 140 + lorry movements daily at the site increasing nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels in an already recognised pollution hotspot area.
- the safety that the current situation affords with the potential for accidents on this already dangerous road, by numerous lorries which will add to already busy surrounding roads.
- the 10 years of increased noise pollution caused by the lorries and machinery at the site.
- the historical landscape and features, including removal of sections of the boundary wall dating back to 1762.
- the public footpaths some of which have joined the villages of Cookley and Wolverley since 1750.
- the removal and damage of protected trees and established vegetation.

Each of these losses will impact on the health and well-being of all the residents of the villages in differing magnitudes. Taken as a whole the impact will have a massive effect upon the communities.

The building of the quarry in such close proximity to hundreds of people will be an act of sheer vandalism. Capital gain is being achieved at the cost of the well-being of hundreds of people. **What price can be put on that?**