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Cookley Resident, approximately 200m from the Northern edge of the proposed Quarry Site.

I have submitted my comments in short bullet points under subject headings for reasons of brevity.

Traffic

The traffic survey has not been revisited, it takes no account of the 300 homes already in Lea Castle Village or the 800 additional homes to be added.

The evidence provided by the serving Police Traffic Officer at the first enquiry needs to be revisited given that we now have 300 more homes in the area.

The walking route for all children over the age of 11 at Lea Castle Village to get to their secondary school is along the B4189. With the increased traffic, fumes and noise. They will be close to the quarry particulates as well as traffic fumes.

When a meeting was scheduled at Wolverley Memorial Hall to discuss the traffic issues associated with this development more than half the people who wanted to attend could not because the local roads were in gridlock as a result of a car having a puncture just in front of the lights at the A449 / B4189 junction. Current road infrastructure is barely coping without 140 extra HGV and 800 more homes.

Improper Consultation on Amendments

Both dates were at the peak of the holiday season in August. Most people were on holiday and there were no staff in the schools.

I live 200m from the site and received no written or electronic notification of the consultation.

The location and times of day chosen made it impossible for those without a car to access the event by public transport.

We had to make multiple requests before we were given access to the questionnaire at the consultation.

More than half the questions on the questionnaire were loaded to give NRS the answers they wanted.

Location

The proposal is within 1500m of 5 schools, 1 nursery and a school that is about to be built for Lea Castle Village. In addition there is a care home across the road from the site.

Restitution of The Site

The land owners have had a small quarry previously despite their assurances in the past the land has never been restored. The land owner has a lengthy history of not maintaining the land, its boundary walls and areas of roadway locally. What assurances do we have that the same will not happen again.

Noise

The land is being used for MotoCross at the weekend . A single Motocross bike can be clearly heard at both The Eagle Pub and Cookley School at a point that it interferes with conversation. Moto Cross bikes are governed to 85db average at 2m with 110db occasional peak (Auto Cycle Union Scrutineers Handbook 2024). Quarry operation is allowed 87db average with 140db occasional peak (HSE Website Accessed 1735pm on 6.11.24). BS5228 applies. If one Motocross bike interferes with conversation what will Quarrying do given that db is a logarithmic scale not a linear one. How will teachers be able to teach in summer if the windows need to be opened?

Employment

We are told this development will create jobs. There are currently no people registered at the local Jobcentre looking for this type of work. Hence the employees will have to travel in to the area.

If the development only affects local employment by a10% reduction in customers, students etc;

10 jobs will be lost by Heathfield School
2 Jobs will be lost from the Equestrian Centre
4 jobs will be lost from Cookley School
The Lock Pub and Tea Rooms would lose 1 job
2 Jobs lost from the Camping and Caravan Camp site
5 jobs lost at the Care Home

Within 600m of the Quarry more jobs will be lost than created.

Land Use

A lot of the land is used to farm food with multiple crops every year. This food production will be lost.

Thank you for spending time to read this.

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