

Dear Planning inspectorate,

I strongly object to the proposed quarry development in Cookley, as it will have a lasting and detrimental impact on our community's safety, environment, and quality of life.

The introduction of 150 HGVs daily through Cookley will overwhelm roads not built for such traffic, raising serious safety concerns, particularly near schools, homes, and recreational areas. The resulting increase in harmful emissions and particulate matter will significantly worsen air quality, posing long-term health risks, especially to children and the elderly.

The noise from quarry machinery, HGVs, and traffic will disrupt daily life for years, affecting residents' ability to enjoy their homes and local amenities. Over a period of approximately 10-11 years, Cookley's children will grow up in a constant environment of dust, noise, and traffic, an unacceptable situation for a residential community. The destruction of over 100 acres of greenbelt land is deeply concerning. This land includes valuable agricultural space and wildlife habitats, both of which will be permanently lost, undermining local food security and biodiversity.

Additionally, the lack of clarity about the infill materials raises serious concerns about potential contamination of land and water sources, endangering residents long after the quarrying is complete.

We are also troubled by the lack of transparency regarding recent amendments to the proposal, which were introduced with limited consultation, further eroding trust in this process.

For these reasons—safety risks, air pollution, noise, loss of greenbelt, agricultural land, and wildlife habitat, as well as concerns about infill materials—I urge the council to reject this proposal and protect Cookley's character and wellbeing.

Thank you for considering our concerns.
Yours sincerely,

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