

Subject: 19/000053/CM

13th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing again, having had the opportunity to view the online YouTube videos that have been shared during the recent inquiry. Thank you for allowing these to be shown, it has not been possible for me to attend in person due to work commitments.

To re-iterate, my objection to this quarry still stands. All people in the local area object, and whilst most are not legally trained to be able to argue legal points, we are passionate about not allowing this to happen – however, in reality I fear that the decision will be of a legal matter. I hope that all concerns raised will be listened to and taken into consideration – the outcome of this inquiry will affect so many individual communities, individuals, schools, businesses, natural landscape, wildlife etc and the future for so many people for such a very long time. It is not a black or white topic, tick box exercise, the effects of any quarry will be devastating to those living around it on so many levels.

I mentioned in my letter of the 7th November, that we had recently had to choose a secondary school for my daughter for September 2025 intake. We have made this decision with the information we have about the school now, taking on board the setting in which the school is enjoying now. However, the setting could be substantially different if the quarry is agreed to. Would we have chosen Wolverley school as our first choice school, if the quarry was already in place? Definitely not.

Also, it is worth mentioning that the decibel scale is logarithmic, rather than linear, so that if noise levels go up by 1 decibel after a certain point, the noise is significantly greater. Each increment significantly increases the volume of noise actually experienced.

Living on Woodlands Road, when the wind is blowing towards us, we can often hear the hum of the traffic from the A449 when the property windows are open. I do not want to have to listen to the hum of machinery on top of this for the next 10-11 years. I and my family are entitled to peace where we live and should not be subjected to this noise. Whilst shutting windows could possibly make an improvement, I should be able to open them as I please and will especially be the case in the summer months, but we will have the possibility of dust from the quarry to contend with too. I do not want to be shut away in my house, trying to avoid noise and dust. Please consider this too.

I am concerned that if the quarry is agreed to, that the way NRS return the land to as it was, will not be satisfactory. It will never ever be the same again, no matter how many 'pretty pictures' or 'artistic impressions' they share with us. One diagram that was shared at the inquiry showed a 'crater' like image in a 'side profile' diagram. No where near the same view as the rolling hills we all enjoy walking over at this present time. NRS do not appear to have been sympathetic to the existing landscape at all, nor to the residents in the area. I have never been directly contacted by NRS at any point during the 5 years or so this has been running.

My concerns around my families health, especially my children still remain as per my previous objections.

I am concerned that if the quarry gets approved, that modifications and adaptations to how it is actually decide to complete it will change over time. Who is going to monitor this and hold them accountable?

Please seriously consider the consequences for the lives of the residents that live in this area. The appellants and their team of lawyers, witnesses etc will go back to their homes at the end of the day to enjoy what they have in terms of health and environment, and we will be left with utter devastation to ours.

I do hope my past and further objections are taken into consideration when the final decision is made.

Yours sincerely

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