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Warwick & Leamington

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Dear Izzi,

**Re: Barford Quarry Application Timetable**

I am writing on behalf of residents in Barford who have raised with me concerns regarding the timetable for a decision being made on the quarry application by the Regulatory Committee.

They have been informed by one of Warwickshire County Council's planning officers that there would only be a five day gap between issuing the report for consideration of the Regulatory Committee and the committee sitting to make a decision on the application.

Residents have told me that five days is far too short a time to be able to properly digest the contents of the report for such a major application and then feed their views into the committee. The true is same for the councillors who will need to take an informed decision.

This is exacerbated by the wider issue of submitted documents and comments to the application not being published online as and when they are received, in the way that applications considered by Warwick District Council are. I worry that there is a real lack of transparency with the whole planning application process.

Would you therefore consider lengthening the period of time between the publication of the report and the date that the Regulatory Committee sits to, say, at least 6 weeks?

I also hope that in the longer-term Warwickshire County Council will consider reforming its online portal for planning applications, which would allow the public to easily access relevant documents and comments to applications as they are received.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Western MP