

Why the application should be refused:

TRAFFIC AND DIESEL FUMES

- A lorry entering or leaving the site every 3 minutes will lead to significant increases in traffic jams and the potential for an increased risk of road traffic accidents
- Lorries entering and exiting the site will be travelling very slowly on the 50mph road, leading to backing up of traffic and excessive vehicle start/stop, contributing to increased air pollution
- Smiths propose a traffic light T junction which will contribute to this problem if there is a red light every few minutes
- Air pollution from an extra 1,000 diesel lorries arriving or leaving per week will exacerbate the air quality concerns
- The majority of car drivers use satnav systems to calculate the quickest routes. Slower moving traffic on the A429 will lead to more traffic being diverted in to the village
- Despite efforts to wash the wheels of lorries exiting the site, mud and dirt will inevitably get onto the A429 and will lead to a greater risk of accidents

DISTURBANCE and VISUAL

- Smiths say the “proposed working hours are in keeping with the current use of the land by agricultural equipment”
- However, agricultural equipment is present only a few times a week, not all day long from 7am Monday to Saturday
- In the winter light pollution from the site will be evident, given working hours are 7am to 7pm.
- Noise pollution will impact residents living close to the site in Sandy Way and Dugard Place. The trial hole digging recently was very noisy and noticeable 600m away! Imagine diggers for 15 years
- Site workings and vehicles highly visible from Wasperton Lane

QUARRY AIR POLLUTION

- Sand and gravel quarrying produces airborne silica dust particles.
- These silica particles are so small they cannot be seen with the naked eye and are called PM2.5 and PM10. Particles from quarrying are not the same as dust particles from open fields or the beach because they have not been weathered and have sharp edges.
- These particles penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the blood stream causing arterial disease in the heart and brain and cancer.
- Accumulation of these silica particles in the lungs leads to a disease called silicosis. This is incurable and causes worsening breathlessness well after exposure has ceased
- Our MP Matt Weston introduced a ‘10 minute rule bill’ in parliament to seek to ban quarries close to settlements. Matt is worried about it, so should we!

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NEED

- Recent government data analysed by Lichfields shows Warwick’s housing need is 675 homes, not 932 as stated in the council’s local plan. Fewer homes means less aggregate.
- Smiths tell us the sand and gravel would be used to make cement and concrete, which are carbon-intensive. This together with the increase in lorries goes against Warwick District Council’s own ‘Climate Change Action Programme’
- Excessive use of water so close to the river Avon for dowsing, material washing and wheel washing will impact the water table and river level
- Dirty water will enter the river Avon leading to a reduction in river biodiversity



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Object now - We need your help to stop this Quarry, 5 minutes of your time will help stop 15 years of misery for our communities. Thank you.