

## Barford St Peter's Board of Governors

Representation to Warwick County Council Cabinet Meeting 10 October 2017

### Matter of Proposed Sand & Gravel Site

- Chris Harris/ Governor of BSP/ Nominated by BoG.
- BSP/Primary School growing to 220+ pupils
- Few hundred yards (300) / path of prevailing winds
- Duty to investigate potential impacts of proposed site on the school's pupils and staff

#### Our findings:

- We are not aware of any schools so close to quarries.
- Extraction/Dust/Silicosis
- Health impacts acknowledged:
  - Mitigation at point of extraction / measures to protect workers
- No attention to subsequent movement and people in local communities
- No studies/evidence of causal link to silicosis in nearby communities

#### BUT

- No evidence there is not
- History littered with examples of the consequences of making convenient or profitable choices. Exx:
  - Leaded petrol / asbestosis
- We ignore the lessons of history at our peril

#### Our Conclusions:

- No question that hundreds of staff and pupils at BSP would be exposed to silica dust over many years should the proposed site be developed.
- I repeat: we have a duty of care to our staff and pupils.
- Unanimous conclusion: object to the site
- In all conscience we cannot allow the site to go unchallenged and expose the school community to avoidable health risks over many years.
- We would expect the council to demonstrate the same duty of care and conscience.
- This is an avoidable risk that does not have to be taken.

Thank you for hearing our representation