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Dear Professor Snowling

I live in Barford, Warwickshire, and my children attend the local primary school. I, along with many other residents, are seriously concerned about the plans to extract sand and gravel from land close to our village.

I write to you in the hope that you and the College Governing Body might reconsider the decision to allow Warwickshire County Council to seek planning permission to extract minerals in this area. I read with interest on the College's website that you seek every opportunity to reduce the College's environmental impact, and that you are understandably proud of your drive to become more energy efficient and reduce carbon emissions. Having already won an award in the 2016-17 University Sustainability Awards, I'm sure you would not want the College's environmental reputation to be tarnished by association with a project that will have a significant detrimental effect on the local ecology and that risks causing harm to the health of village residents.

I understand that the College needs to look at ways of earning a return on its investments in order to fund future developments and provide bursaries to students. However, the College must also consider its social and environmental responsibilities when making decisions about its investment portfolio. I would be interested to know what current and prospective students think of the proposal to turn productive agricultural land into a quarry (with no hope of the land ever being returned to its original use), and of the harm caused by quarry dust, which will be blown over the school playing fields and local park.

I hope that you will think very carefully about the decisions that St John's College make regarding the proposed quarry, and will take into consideration the serious concerns that the community has raised with yourself and with WCC.

Kind regards