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9th December 2022

Dear Sir,

RE: Proposed Sand and Gravel – Planning Application reference 19/000053/CM

Appeal ref: APP/E1855/W/22/3310099

Appellants name: NRS Aggregates Ltd

I wish to object to the proposed planning application for a sand and gravel quarry at

Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley based on the proposed planning application reference 19/000053/CM

In addition to the current housing that will be affected by the quarry, there is a huge development of 600 houses being built on the Lea castle site next near to the quarry site. According to the local development plan this will increase to a maximum of 1400 properties.

The proposal for the quarry will mean that it will be next to a school and will also affect the local school in the village. The mining and quarry process can be destructive to the environment as it has a direct impact on the countryside by leaving pits and heaps of waste material.

The extraction process will also contaminate air and water with sulphur dioxide and other pollutants putting wildlife and the local population at risk. The river soar runs nearby as does the local canal. The new development of 600 properties on the Lea castle site has led to an increase in wildlife coming on to the area displaced by the huge building works taking place. We have seen foxes and badgers and have a picture of a badger on our property caught by our CCTV camera.

### (iii) Mental wellbeing

As a result of the pandemic it is even more important than ever to protect our open green spaces. I regularly run through the estate and I have no doubt it improves my mental health having an area of open countryside effectively on my doorstep. I have also seen an increase in other people using the area for walking, jogging and biking and provides a beautiful area for local people to use.

Whilst there is a proposal for access to be maintained it will not deliver the same benefits as people will be passing a quarry producing significant noise and dust nuisance.

### (iv) Economic Boost

As a result of such a large development causing considerable damage over 11 years, there is only 11 jobs that will be created, half of which will be specialist jobs so there will be a limited advantage for the local economy. However, when you take into account the noise pollution, dust pollution and traffic congestion and the overall detrimental impact on the area, I would suggest that there is no real benefit.

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(vi) Traffic congestion

There will be a significant increase in traffic noise and pollution with in excess of 150 movements from large dump trucks. This is in addition to the additional traffic generated by the new 600 property housing development at the Lea Castle site.

The junction from castle road on to the A449 is extremely busy and this additional traffic will add to the dangers of this particular junction. There have been a number of serious collisions and unfortunately there have been a number of deaths.

(vii) On-going management of the site

The period for the quarry has already been extended from a substantial 10 years to 11 years. I am very concerned that the quarrying will continue for a longer period due to the amount of sand and gravel on site.

Local decisions need to be considered and decided at a local level as it means that all aspects of the application are considered from a local view point. This has already been completed and the application refused.

I trust you tell