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Dear Mr Aldridge

Reference Planning Application 19/000053/CM

against the proposal for the quarry at Lea Castle.

The quarry, if approved, will be situated on a previous country estate which retains much of its glorious landscape and views which would have been in evidence in 1700s/ 1800s when the estate was a thriving country house estate. This would be ruined over a period of eleven years for the following reasons;-

The quarry will be situated in a greenbelt area surrounded by the rural villages of Wolverley and Cookley as well as adjacent to the edge of Kidderminster (Sion Hill). This means that in an area of natural beauty, this proposal will affect 1000s of residents living near by.

Furthermore, there are three new housing developments which are being built in the vicinity of the proposed quarry. There are 56 new homes at the Sion Hill school site, 90 units at Weavers Chase and literally across the road from the proposed site of the quarry is the development of 600 to 1400 new homes at away from the proposed site of the quarry. Whereas Residents could walk to the edge of town and into the countryside this would not be possible as the quarry will make sure that what is a beautiful area of countryside will be blighted by yet more pollution.

Since I submitted my original objection on 13th March 2020, there has been a nationwide pandemic, which has made us all the more aware of the value of the simple pleasures in life under such circumstances. There has been a real shift to improving and maintaining peoples wellbeing and mental health. Enjoying walking, jogging and cycling have become so much more important in peoples lives to help maintain their mental wellbeing and physical health. This proposal will severely curtail those pleasures for local residents with the impact on the environment as well as an increase in noise and pollution levels.