

ID.26 Transcript of Alex Badger

Good afternoon, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

As a cookley resident and parent I feel compelled to speak today, I have to be clear about what the proposed sand and gravel quarry actually means. We are talking about transforming a village into an industrial area for at least a decade.

Reasons for supporting the quarry at the May 24th hearing were given as 'The digging will only be temporary'. - Digging is something we do in our gardens or at the beach, It is not an appropriate verb for the decade long extraction of 3 million tonnes of sand and gravel from an area of greenbelt.

This comment shows a deep disregard for the actual consequences of the proposed industrialisation of pristine greenbelt, it does neatly exhibit just how detached the quarry supporters are from its negative impact. They will be well clear of any negative emissions.

Silica dust- Many of you will have heard of Joanna Mcneil a 34 year old administrator and mother of 2 from Australia who has contracted silicosis after just 7 years working at a quarry office.

Dust is a problem because it cannot be removed from the lungs, it is permanent damage, there is nothing temporary or safe to dust exposure of this nature- Please, please bear that in mind.

11 Years from now, Just because a quarry has been filled in and turfed over does not mean that a toxic legacy has not been cast. That's not how dust works.

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reduce air quality significantly. This is clear evidence that such traffic movements are considered harmful to residents elsewhere.

It's not just London. It's Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Derby, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham, Portsmouth, all consider diesel particulates to be enough of a clean air threat that there is a financial incentive to avoid it. There is of course no such charge here.

Worcester Council set the admirable Goal of being carbon neutral by 2050 and halving emissions by 2030.-quarrying greenbelt and moving it around in HGVs is about as fast as you can go in the wrong direction.