

Development Control - Have Your Say

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Application Number: LCC/2023/0030

Location of Development: Land off Bourbles Lane, Preesall

Your Comments: Firstly may I express the disappointment of Hambleton Parish Council that we have not been included as a Consultee in this application. The proposed Quarry will have a significant detrimental effect on Hambleton and its residents and therefore we have a strong case to be included.

Acknowledging the need for aggregate for the building industry it is unclear why a better option would be to utilise the Quarry at Runshaw rather than Preesall.

Although processes will be in place to mitigate the dust particles in the air it would be impossible to eliminate especially in dry weather. Reports on other quarries mention the detrimental impact on crop growing in the vicinity of the quarries and we cannot anticipate that this will be any different. Children from our village attend St Aidans School which is very near the Quarry, it is unacceptable to have them breathing Silica dust and other pollutants, we must care for the future of our residents.

Over Wyre has a high level of residents with existing respiratory conditions, these will be exacerbated by adding to the pollutants in the air, particularly in the proposed Quarry area but also on any routes taken by the vehicles from the quarry.

The application covers getting the vehicles from the quarry to the A588 but no further analysis done of either of the routes after this. Travelling both towards Lancaster or towards Shard Bridge and beyond will put additional pressure on already dangerous roads. The A588 is in the top 10 of

dangerous roads for fatalities and in either direction the vehicles will be travelling through villages and using very narrow and windy roads. The roads are not built robustly enough for existing traffic but to add the high volume of heavy vehicles will result in further damage and cause additional misery for existing commuters. LCC have regularly told us that they have no money to fix our roads, what will happen when the roads are damaged further by the additional traffic? On top of the state of the roads, the additional noise created by the additional large and heavy vehicles travelling through Hambleton will reduce the quality of lives for many especially those whose houses are along the A588 route.

Wyre Council have a website dedicated to Air Quality - it states:

Air pollution can have a significant effect on health and the environment. For this reason local authorities have a legal responsibility to assess and work towards improving air quality in their areas and to meet health based objectives set by the government.

Government has a clean air strategy which states:

This strategy sets out the comprehensive actions required across all parts of government and society to improve air quality.

The strategy sets out how we will:

- protect the nation's health
- protect the environment
- secure clean growth and innovation
- reduce emissions from transport, homes, farming and industry
- monitor our progress

How are any of these being met with the introduction of this proposed quarry?

Hambleton Parish Council have resolved to strongly object to this application at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2023.