

## THURNHAM with GLASSON PARISH COUNCIL

### Comments regarding quarry at land off Bourble's Lane, Preesall Ref: LCC/2023/0030

While the PC is concerned about the consequences of this proposal in terms of flooding and problems affecting ground water and we understand that this will be a noisy and inconvenient neighbour for people in the area, we realise comments on those things are for those most directly affected to make.

As Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council our chief concern is with traffic movement, particularly the movement of HGVs. The sections on traffic in the planning application and the planning statement are not clear and the numbers vary between the planning application and the planning statement. The planning application mentions a maximum of 80 movements a day, the planning statement mentions a maximum of 60 leaving the site at busy periods, which would mean 120 movements in and out. Average numbers in both cases are around half of these maxima. This is a very large number of HGV movements on the roads in this area and beyond.

We note that the consideration given to traffic in the planning statement is very local and once out of the immediate area it is thought that the large numbers of HGVs arriving at and leaving the quarry will somehow be absorbed into the national highway network. There is simply no highway network which will connect these HGVs safely to the M6 and the motorway network. The A588 does not connect directly to the M6. Connections are via the A6 and connections of the A6 to the A588 are not suitable for large HGVs, cannot cope with the current volume of traffic and certainly could not cope with the number of HGV movements planned for the quarry which at times would be one every few minutes. This has not been addressed in the application or the planning statement. There is no way to absorb these HGV movements into the local road network so that the HGVs can travel safely into the national road network.

As Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council, we are concerned about traffic in our neighbouring parish of Cockerham, which is already under pressure as part of the access route for HGVs to the A6 and M6 and should not have to cope with this large additional load, and we are extremely concerned that some portion of the large number of planned HGV movements will actually use the A588 to Lancaster - via the difficult bends in Thurnham where two HGVs cannot pass, and adding to the problems of congestion on the A588 approaching Lancaster. The A588 is already highly dangerous and cannot cope with increased HGV traffic. Unless there is a coherent plan for dealing with HGV movements on the A588 and movements to and from the A588, which we cannot see here, this application should not be allowed.