

Comment for planning application LCC/2022/0014

Application number	LCC/2022/0014
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Address	10 Priory Close Burscough Ormskirk Lancashire L40 7UY
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Newburgh Parish formally objects to planning application LCC/2022/0014</p> <p>The Council's previous submission requested from Lancashire County Council further evidence of monitoring the process of infilling the quarry. Under an FOI request to the Environment Agency the Council has also requested the results of inspections of the quarry undertaken by the Agency under the Environmental Permit between 2013 and 2022 together with Compliance Assessment Reports. In the absence of further information at the time of writing the Council reiterates its concerns about the process of infilling and in particular the apparent absence of annual topographical surveys and phasing plans; the potential impact of the overfilling of the quarry; and possible pollution from the edges of the quarry.</p> <p>It would be expected that topographical surveys would indicate when the quarry was nearing full capacity. Instead it is acknowledged that it has been overfilled and that this raises questions about visual impact and drainage.</p> <p>The overfilling has implications for the setting of the site within the landscape which in the Local Plan is designated as of local importance. There is an unwarranted visual impact.</p> <p>The overfilling and the resultant topography of the site is recognised as potentially affecting the efficiency of drainage from the site. Neighbours have raised concerns regarding flooding and changes in the water table downstream from the quarry.</p> <p>It would also be expected that environmental monitoring would identify and analyse any seepage from the base of the quarry and its potential impact on downstream watercourses. There have been visual observations and evidence collected of brown coloured effluent seeping around the western edges of the quarry. Discolouration has been observed downstream.</p> <p>Newburgh Parish Council objects to this application and submits that a further appraisal should be undertaken and plan prepared that addresses landscape, drainage and pollution issues in order to assure landowners and Newburgh residents that there will be no adverse impacts of the quarry restoration.</p>
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