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PARISH COUNCIL

Sand and Gravel Extraction

The Parish Council has submitted a long, seven-page, closely-typed, detailed formal objection to Warwickshire County Council, comprising 40 paragraphs under the following headings:-

History from 1949 to present date.

Proximity to Bubbenhall School, including reference to a previous planning application by Blue Circle Cement with regard to the area around the School, dismissed on appeal in 1972.

Proximity to Village and Conservation area.

Threat to water tables, 'The Spout' and other water springs.

Heavy vehicle traffic along A445 and Weston Lane in particular.

Threat to the two public rights of way W150 and W151 crossing the 'Glebe Farm' site.

Noise and dust from site.

Public accessibility - the proposed closure of the Ryton Landfill site in 1993 and the prospect of the public accessibility for disposal of waste and refuse being transferred to the Weston Lane site, with consequent intrusion into the local amenities, especially at weekends.

The landfill material to be used - the planning application states "inert waste" - and the very real fear that, at some time in the future, this could be changed to "domestic refuse", as at the present Waverley Wood Farm site.

Conclusion - having suffered mineral extraction and landfill operations for 40 years from 1949 to 1989 along the 1½ miles of the A445 from Bubbenhall to Ryton-on-Dunsmore, with the consequent land devastation, traffic problems, noise, dust, smells, litter and other associated problems, the Parish Council regards these new proposals, adding another estimated 25 years to the total length of the sand and gravel operation - a total time space of 65 years - as completely unacceptable on humanitarian, environmental, ecological, planning and other grounds, for what is now a pleasant, thriving village community. Enough is, in this context, certainly enough and to spare.

Warwick District Council's Plans Sub-Committee have considered this planning application, and is recommending the Warwickshire County Council's Planning Committee to reject it "on humanitarian grounds, being totally destructive of the amenities of every resident of Bubbenhall for a further generation, having a destructive impact on property values throughout the locality and would put too great a burden on one section of the community".