

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed quarry development near our community. This objection is rooted in serious concerns about inadequate consultation with local residents, the impact on the growing population in Winfarthing Road and Faviell Close, safety risks posed by increased truck traffic, and the potentially devastating effects on local wildlife and ecosystems. These issues highlight the incompatibility of this project with the well-being of our neighborhood and its residents.

A major concern is the lack of proactive and transparent communication with the residents of Winfarthing Road. Many community members only recently became aware of the quarry proposal, and there has been no formal effort to engage the public or solicit feedback. This lack of consultation is both concerning and unacceptable for a project that could drastically alter the character of the area.

Residents deserve to be informed and included in discussions about developments that will significantly impact their daily lives. The absence of open dialogue not only undermines public trust but also prevents the community from fully understanding and addressing the potential consequences of this project.

Winfarthing Road and Faviell Close are thriving residential areas that have experienced notable population growth in recent years. These neighborhoods are home to families, young professionals, and retirees who have chosen to live here for its peaceful environment and community-oriented atmosphere.

A quarry in such close proximity would disrupt this tranquility. Noise and dust from the operation would diminish quality of life, while heavy truck traffic would increase pollution and compromise road safety. Additionally, the presence of an industrial site would likely lead to decreased property values, impacting homeowners who have invested in the area. For a community on a positive growth trajectory, the introduction of a quarry represents a significant setback.

The intersection of Winfarthing Road and the highway is already a concern for many residents due to high traffic volumes and limited visibility. Introducing frequent truck traffic from quarry operations would exacerbate these risks, creating a hazardous environment for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Heavy vehicles turning at this intersection could lead to more frequent accidents and traffic congestion. School children, who use the roads and walkways daily, would be especially vulnerable. Furthermore, the increased strain on road infrastructure raises questions about maintenance and repair costs, which would likely fall on taxpayers. It is evident that the current road network is ill-equipped to handle the demands of quarry-related traffic.

The proposed site is home to a rich variety of wildlife and natural habitats that contribute to the area's ecological balance. Birds, mammals, and other species rely on these spaces for survival.

The quarry's operations, which would involve land clearing, excavation, and transportation, would lead to significant habitat destruction and fragmentation.

Noise and vibration from machinery could disrupt animal behavior, while airborne dust and water runoff might pollute nearby streams and wetlands. These disturbances could lead to a decline in biodiversity, affecting both common and endangered species. Additionally, the environmental impact of the quarry's carbon emissions and altered landscape could have long-term consequences for the region's ecosystem and climate resilience.

In summary, the proposed quarry is incompatible with the character and needs of our community. The lack of consultation with residents, the risks to a growing population, the traffic and safety concerns, and the environmental harm make this project unsuitable for our area.

I urge the decision-makers to reject this proposal and prioritize the well-being of the community and its natural environment. Exploring alternative locations or solutions that mitigate these negative impacts would be a more responsible approach. Our voices must be heard, and our community's future must be safeguarded against developments that pose such significant risks.

Sincerely, Christopher Kenchington