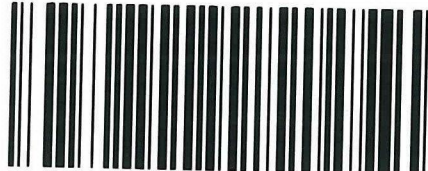


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Date 7th April 2017

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Development Application : Brandy Hill Quarry Expansion
Application No : SSD 5899

I do NOT support and definitely object to the above proposal to Expand the Brandy Hill Quarry.

Reasons for objection:

1. **Traffic flow already impacts on the safety** of myself and my family to access our property at 481 Seaham Road. Our driveway access coincides with the left turning lane at the intersection of Seaham Rd and Hinton Road heading toward Seaham. Despite indicating very early and slowing down gradually many cars do not realise we are turning into our property and have nearly collided with our vehicles as we attempt to enter our property. Increased traffic flow, as estimated in the EIS will greatly increase the risk of a rear end collision putting my family and I at greater risk. To exit our property is also a problem even with the current volume of traffic. Each morning it can take up to 5 minutes before a break in the traffic is safe to exit. The volume of traffic flow from the 24hr/7days a week expansion proposal will further exacerbate the current risk factors and extend the timing to throughout the day and night.
2. **Noise** – The noise from current traffic flows impact greatly on the wellbeing of my family and I with interrupted sleep at night and early morning from as early as 4.45am. Even with doors, windows and shutters closed the rumble of trucks and general traffic noise impact immensely on the use and amenity of our property. With the proposed extended hours and days of operation this current problem will increase exponentially with the projected increase in traffic flow.

3. **Pedestrian Safety** – My wife is an avid walker along the verge of Seaham Road and fears for her safety, especially when 2 trucks or larger vehicles pass each other. Trucks will often encroach the white line on the edge of the road, forcing pedestrians the move into the overgrown sideways/ drains. Increased traffic flow, especially large trucks will increase the risk and put the safety of pedestrians in jeopardy.
4. **Cyclist safety** - I, along with many local residents of Seaham Rd and Brandy Hill Drive, cycle most days of the week to work or for daily exercise. The width of the shoulder is very limited in most places along both roads and in light of the new laws regarding overtaking cyclists, trucks, buses, cars and large vehicles have to cross the centre line to give the legal clearance distance. Impose on these carriageways, greatly increased traffic flow, and a major fatality is imminent, not to mention school children getting on and off buses.

I declare that I have made NO political donations over the past 2 years

Yours Sincerely

Michael Thomas O'Brien

Concerned Resident

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M T O'Brien', written in a cursive style.