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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPEAL: SHEEPHILL QUARRY, MILTON, DUMBARTON
DPEA REF: PPA-160-2034

I am contacting you to clarify my position in regard to the above appeal.

In looking in detail at the appeal and how the quarrying affects the every day lives of the residents of Milton and the surrounding area, I do not believe that any extension of quarrying should be permitted to continue at Sheephill Quarry .

The residents have highlighted a number of significant issues in regard to the quarrying such as:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:-

Noise pollution - due to large scale mechanical extraction by a large quarry rock breaker rather than blasting meaning rather than an occasional blast it would be continuous.

Explosion and Vibration - continuous during working hours, generating damage to properties

Removal of woodland trees, soil and loose rock - This will negatively impact on whole village and local wildlife by reducing clearer air.

Protected and endangered animals and birds. Impact on and loss of natural habitat, comprising mature native woodland of oaks which support a wide variety of mammals, birds, insects etc, including deer, buzzards, woodpeckers.

Visual impact, will be like a huge bite being taken out of a wooded hillside, with bare rock face scars clearly visible by the local community and from major trunk roads on both sides of the River Clyde (ie A82 and M8).

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS:-

Increased risk of health issues for elderly, infirm, our children and all with exposure to mineral deposits and dust in the air.

Dust, especially as the height of the quarry is lowered as it progresses down the hillside.

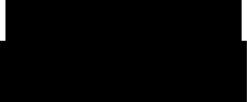
Dust will not only come from the very hard igneous rock – there is a considerable amount of tree, soil, and scree overburden that will need to be removed to get access to the dolerite dyke that is to be quarried.

Planned Explosions – no advance warning to residents of explosions, generating shock and alarm to residents.

Damage to properties – explosions causing cracks in properties.

The quarrying is now right beside the homes of many residents and I would be grateful if you would consider their needs when you are making your final decision.

Yours sincerely

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