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Subject: Response to Scoping Document re Sand and Gravel Extraction at Land off Bourbles Lane, Nr Preesall
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Hi

Please redirect if this is not your area.

Hambleton Parish Council considered the Scoping request from the Baxter Group for the Sand and Gravel Extraction at Land off Bourbles Lane, Nr Preesall.

Notes on report

I have reviewed further documentation including the Joint Lancashire Aggregate assessment and it does confirm that there is a significant deficit in the need versus supply of sand and gravel. I am unable to identify why a better/higher source of aggregate at Runshaw, although with planning permission, is not currently operational.

The report mentions the issue with dust and includes mitigation of using water to reduce the impact especially during dry weather. There are many reports of issues with residential properties around quarries including the potential risk of Silicosis that may result from the Silica in the dust. There are also reports of dust on local vegetation and a negative impact on growth of crops in the surrounding areas. Although the document does look at consulting with local residents, this does not appear to include the local Schools (some of which Hambleton children will attend).

Page 17 under Population and Human Health the document analysis is "No affect" and Page 18 Air Potential limited effect. Studies have demonstrated that people exposed to dust from quarries, when compared to people not exposed, have a higher level of health issues including Asthma, Bronchitis, Rhinitis and eye issues.

Page 18 Climate, the document reported very limited potential impact. The HGV's will use the main highways but it does not say which but whichever route used they will be using narrow winding roads that were not built for such traffic.

LVIA Scoping note - 1.7 It is proposed that the study area will be within a radius of 2km from the plant. Hambleton would therefore fall outside the scope of the study.

Notes on concerns raised by members of the public not covered above

The attendees mentioned 32 and 44 tonne HGV's using local roads potentially the A588 including Shard Bridge. The road infrastructure

would need to be improved in order for roads, that are already known as being in the top 10 of dangerous roads, to be used by such traffic. 452,000 tonnes are due and if using a 44 tonne truck this would lead to a minimum of 32 loads transported on average a week.

Wyre Council have a website dedicated to Air Quality - it states:

Air pollution can have a significant effect on health and the environment. For this reason local authorities have a legal responsibility to assess and work towards improving air quality in their areas and to meet health based objectives set by the government.

Government has a clean air strategy which states:

This strategy sets out the comprehensive actions required across all parts of government and society to improve air quality.

The strategy sets out how we will:

- protect the nation's health
- protect the environment
- secure clean growth and innovation
- reduce emissions from transport, homes, farming and industry
- monitor our progress

The Project would need to address how the above can be achieved.

The attendees mentioned the creation of methane from the inert waste used to infill after excavation of the minerals, however if genuine inert waste is used no methane will be created.

Hambleton Parish Council ask you to consider these comments when reviewing the above scheme.

many thanks

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