

New Parish Quarry Consultation Template letter, please:

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Your address

Post to:

New Parish Quarry Consultation
The Development Plan Team
Planning Services
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Or Email to:

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Date

Dear Sirs,

Re: Consultation on proposed New Parish Quarry, Bent Lane, Darley Dale

I wish to OBJECT to the proposal for the New Parish Quarry on Bent Lane, Darley Dale.

There are many reasons for my objection but the key ones are as follows:

- 1. Negative impact on the natural beauty and amenity of this green field area:** The area being considered is an area of historic natural beauty, visible from a considerable distance around the wider area and has a very long tradition of use by the local community, visitors and tourists for rambling, dog walking etc, there are two public footpaths across the area. Such a proposed development would totally destroy the character and amenity of the area.
- 2. Negative economic impact to the local economy:** There are no local economic benefits as stated in Derbyshire County Council's Assessment, the given estimates are that there will be a small quarry team of circa 5-6 people plus HGV drivers and these are all specialists who will be brought in, not employment opportunities. There will be direct serious negative impact on the local economy suffered by such a quarry driving away the considerable number of visitors/tourists to the Bent Lane area – ramblers, dog walkers, cyclists, bird watchers, horse riders etc. Indirectly there may be adverse impacts on visitors to the wider area including to Haddon Hall and Chatsworth.
- 3. Totally unacceptable highways impacts:** Bent Lane is completely unsuitable for considerable and sustained HGV traffic. The proposal to widen

Bent Lane would destroy yet more character/natural countryside with the removal of a considerable number of trees and hedgerows and the destruction of a recognised wildlife corridor. No consideration appears to have been made at all regarding the rest of the 4 mile proposed route along Beeley Moor to the A632 where it is currently impossible to pass an HGV without driving onto the verge. Even more worrying and positively dangerous is that HGVs may take the “short and quick” route south down Bent Lane through Darley Hillside to the A6, a route which is even more narrow, steep, not cleared or salted in the winter and directly through a quiet rural residential area.

4. **Serious wildlife negative impacts:** The Council’s Assessment appears to have been completely ignored that further up Bent Lane there are two European Protected sites and one Designated site of Special Scientific Interest which will be badly impacted by the proposed widening of Bent Lane, the impact of considerable and sustained HGV traffic and the general environmental pollution of such an operation. Whilst not formally protected the same applies to the important wildlife corridor along Bent Lane and in the adjacent Hallmoor and Halldale woods.
5. **Negative impacts on the environment:** There are a wide range of negative environmental impact covering:
 - a) Damage to important wildlife sites, including those which are protected, and destruction of a recognised wildlife corridor.
 - b) Poor visual impact over a considerable area including Farley, Wensley, Oker, Snitterton and the Peak National Park.
 - c) Noise, dust and HGV traffic pollution – the characteristics of the area are such that these will not be contained and will impact the whole Darley Dale area. The Council’s Assessment recognises that there are health risks from quarry generated small dust particles.
 - d) Existing water courses – there is a history of flooding and new springs appearing at random in the Darley Dale area, a situation which is becoming worse. Such major excavations and removal of topsoil over the very large area proposed is inevitably going to make this flooding situation worse across the whole of the Darley Dale area.
 - e) The main water supply to Derby and Leicester cities goes through the proposed site via two 6 foot diameter Victorian cast iron pipes which is not mentioned at all in the Councils Assessment nor is there a risk assessment.

I have serious concerns about the extremely poor communications and consultation which has taken place regarding this proposal which is both undemocratic and strongly suggests other hidden motives/agendas. However I trust that common sense and the duty of Derbyshire County Council to protect our environment and to take note of the weight of adverse community opinion will ensure that this ill conceived proposal is rejected and not included in the draft Minerals Local Plan.

Yours faithfully,

Name

Copy your letter to the following:

- **At Derbyshire County Council:**

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Mike Ashworth, Strategic Director of Economy, Transport & Communities
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OR by post to:
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- **At Darley Dale Town Council:**

Email: townclerk@darleydale.gov.uk

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- **Your Local MP (Rt Hon Sir Patrick McLoughlin MP):**

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