

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Community Opposes Proposed Quarry Threatening Their Safety, Quality of Life, Valuable Heritage Assets, and the Delicate Ecological Balance of Local Watercourses

West Deeping, Lincolnshire - The proposed creation of a new quarry in the village of West Deeping has sparked widespread opposition among concerned villagers, environmental and heritage groups, and local MPs and Councillors. The villagers are united in their fight to protect their safety, their quality of life, the valuable heritage assets, and the delicate ecological balance of the local watercourses.

"The continual development of quarries in the area for over 70 years has taken a grave toll on our community and our quality of life," said Glenn Fuller, a spokesperson for the village. "We cannot stand by and let yet another proposed quarry further damage our community and the environment we rely on. It's not just about the perpetual and intrusive noise and dust pollution or the projected increase in quarry vehicle movements which will increase the danger of accidents on the already overburdened A1175. It's also about the relentless cumulative impact of having all the quarries around us for years which shows a complete disregard for the health and well-being of our community."

The delicate ecological balance of the area is at risk by the proposed quarrying, which also poses a serious threat to the village's valuable heritage assets, including its historic buildings and listed structures, which are an integral part of the village's character and charm. Furthermore, the proposed quarry is planned to be situated on both sides of the ancient mill stream, which would permanently change the water-table and threaten Grade II* listed watermills in the surrounding area such as Molecey Mill, which has been around since the time of the Domesday Book.

Villagers are concerned about the potential pollution of the water and the devastating effects it would have on the wildlife that inhabits the area. The last remaining untouched parts of our beautiful Lincolnshire countryside would be destroyed. The villagers rely on these few remaining walks and fields for their solace amongst the destruction of the surrounding quarried lands.

West Deeping has already endured quarrying for over 70 years. Further developments will bring the quarry boundary even closer to the village, potentially within 25 metres of villager's homes and gardens. This will have a catastrophic impact on quality of life and if all plans are approved the quarry will continue into the 2040's - a century of quarries. This is too much for any community to accept. "We urge local officials and community members to stand with us and oppose the proposed quarries," said Glenn Fuller. "Our villager's safety and our village's heritage and ecological balance are too valuable to be destroyed for the sake of short-sighted profit."

A community engagement meeting, hosted by the prospective operators Breedon, about their proposals is being held in the West Deeping Village Hall on Monday 27th February at 7pm. We urge all interested parties to attend so they might make their opposition clear to Breedon.

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