

**EMAIL SENT TO ALL COUNCILLORS AT LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON THE EXECUTIVE / PLANNING / ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEES ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

Dear Cllr,

Ref: the proposed new open cast mine and industrial development right next to the village of West Deeping (SG17 and SG11)

We trust our email finds you well.

In your forthcoming deliberations and decisions about the proposed open cast mine and industrial development that Breedon and your minerals team wish to inflict on us here in West Deeping to add another 40 years to the 70 years of mining that we have already shouldered and tolerated, we would like you to be aware of the strength of feeling and emotion against this proposed new destruction of our rural environment and the devastation of our quality of life that will ensue.

Yesterday the villagers protested en masse outside the sham public consultation in the village hall held by Breedon. Display boards filled with lies were soon found out with Breedon admitting to their plans for a 40 year quarry hidden behind their Trojan horse of the SG17 application. Further revelations came in the admission that they know that their proposed pits will effect the waters in the mill stream of the River Welland - a river they have been told to pay special attention to, by both the Environment Agency and Historic England, due to its integral relation to the grade 2\* listed water mill.

The protest demonstrated the strength of feeling against the proposals from a village that has understood and tolerated mining on its doorstep for 70 years. Indicating quite clearly that the cumulative impact threshold of the relentless effects of the mining has been reached and surpassed. It is time to give West Deeping a break and allow our community and our environment to recover.

Sir John Hayes, Cllrs Ashley Baxter and Phil Dilks were present and spoke out in support of the village, our quality of life and the disastrous effects of this industrial development in our rural setting.

The sense of injustice felt by the community is exacerbated by the falsification of the site selection forms by the LCC minerals and waste team both in 2016 and again in the current process.

SG17/MS29 is immediately adjacent to a Grade 2\* listed site and should be excluded from further consideration in the level 1 criteria but twice now this has been deliberately falsified.

If you would like to read more about the protest and the strength of feeling then do please see the reports in the newspapers. You may find links to them here.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c199g78p84po.amp>

<https://mylocal.co.uk/feed/211549/protesters-storm-west-deeping-quarry-consultation>

<https://mylocal.co.uk/feed/211544/-enough-is-enough-villagers-protest-proposed-quarry-in-west-deeping>

Enough is enough - it is time to give West Deeping a break.

Yours sincerely

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