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**To West Sussex County Council
Cc: Horsham District Council
Cc: Washington Parish Council**

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Dear Planning Dept

Planning Application Ref: WSCC/028/21


I wish to record my objections to the above application on the following grounds:

- Transport – It is unacceptable to sanction all these additional HGV journeys, on top of the additional movements to the Sandgate quarry (already approved) and Hampers Lane (decision awaited). The A24 and A283 are congested enough, and my road (Rock Road) is frequently used as a cut through by fully loaded HGVs trying to avoid the congestion, travelling at 50 mph on a road which is completely unsuitable and puts horse-riders and pedestrians at risk. If this application is approved there will be similar consequences not just through Washington but across the whole area, including the routes through Amberley, Ashington, Pulborough, Thakeham and Wiston. This must be contrary to the WSCC Transport Strategy.
- Water – The risk to the aquifer is substantial. My property, like many others in Washington, has a well which is likely to be impacted.
- Amenity – Processing on this site has gone on long enough. It is time to restore the whole area as originally agreed. Extraction of sand should have stopped by now, and this cessation needs to be enforced not extended.

I also wish to record my thanks to CLAG for alerting local residents to this application. It is only through them that I have found out about the Sandgate and Hampers Lane quarry applications, both of which will have a significant impact on Washington residents, particularly those west of the A24. The failure of all three tiers of local government to properly inform and consult local residents about the three applications is very disappointing given the impact on the local environment and our quality of life.

I look forward to WSCC putting the environment first and rejecting this application.

Yours faithfully



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