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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application Number: WSCC/028/21

I would like to strongly object to the above planning application. The proposal to landfill with inert waste and continue extracting sand from that quarry will blight this area of outstanding national beauty in the South Downs National Park.

This year there have been nesting Peregrine Falcons and Sand Martins in the cliff face. Also I understand that there are about 4 or 5 places in the quarry where there are Crested Newts, and these are a protected species.

The volume of traffic by the increase of some 300 lorries a day on the A283 and the A24 is really worrying. The A283 is already a black spot by the Wiston Estate and as the contractor who will be working this site is situated in Shoreham, it means the lorries will be heading into the quarry along the A283. The Washington roundabout on the A24 is a bottleneck at rush hour times as it is and will mean the lorries turning either at Hole Street to head South or off the A24 to head back to Shoreham. Both of these routes are totally unsuitable for an increase of traffic of that volume.

This does not take into account that processing the inert waste next to a landfill which is leaching right now, will mean more leaching from the sheer vibration of the heavy machinery. Also the dirt and dust created will severely affect the houses in The Hollow who already have to put up with lorries that should have stopped on the 31st December 2020 and are operating without a license and are causing dust and noise. The Honeybrook Stream that is taking the water from the quarry has been polluted once and all the fish were dead. The residents of Washington have just about had enough. These are our homes and our health which will be adversely affected.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Stephenson

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