Comment for planning application WSCC/028/21

Application number	WSCC/028/21
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Comments	 Having moved to Washington in 2007, just as one of the previous attempts to extend the life of Rock common quarry was being fought by Washington residents, my wife and I are very saddened to have to be fighting the extension of the quarry yet again. We are making the following objections based on the attempt of the Wiston estate to extend and alter the purpose of the Rock common quarry, as it comes to the end of the agreed lifespan. 1) Repurposing the site to process inert landfill. The proposal will necessitate the need to import inert landfill to the quarry as there is not enough waste locally to fill the site in the proposed 10 year extension. This will lead to increased lorry movement causing traffic congestion in and around the Washington roundabout, which is already a traffic pinch point.
	 Pollution increase environmental and ecological The vehicle movement increase will lead to traffic pollution in an area where pollution is already amongst the highest in the UK. The local eco system will be under greater pressure and the aquifer on which the site sits will possibly be compromised (if not already) with leeching from landfill.
	3) Loss of habitat and wildlife. The plans will extend the life of the quarry beyond the agreed date severely impacting on habitat and wildlife including protected species the proposal fails to justify the scare tactics of Wiston & Dudmans that deep water is dangerous and detrimental to wildlife.
	4) The Community benefit We fail to see what benefit the community of Washington and the wider population will derive from this scheme in fact the only benefit seems to be financial gain for Dudman and Wiston estate.
	Given the above we are opposed to any extension to the quarry life.
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