**SCC/0075/20F - Variation of conditions 1 and 2 attached to planning permission reference F/15/0110 to allow for the retention and operation of the asphalt plant and associated infrastructure until 31 December 2024 and restoration of the land by 31 December 2026 Location: Cavenham Quarry, Marston's Pit, Cavenham Road, Tuddenham, Bury St. Edmunds, IP28 6SE**

**11th November 2020**

**Please see below Tuddenham Parish Council’s response and Objections to applications SCC/0075/20F;**

We would confirm that we are formally objecting to this extension of operations until 31 December 2024, as it comes on the back of a significant existing application to expand. We, on behalf of the residents of Tuddenham, have already previously objected to other applications for expansion, and the inclusion of the Quarry in the SCC Waste & Minerals Local Plan, which despite previous existing objections, which appear to have been largely ignored, has got approval. Another further expansion over and above the latest huge increase, would significantly impact on the villages of Tuddenham and Cavenham, it is gradually getting closer and closer to the villages.

The Quarry already works seven days a week and the noise from the operations can be heard from some distance. The HGV’s currently entering and leaving the site, are causing a significant amount of air pollution, noise and are impacting on the road surfacing and damaging buildings with the vibrations. The number of HGV movements are already an issue within the village, as is the speed of the HGV’s travelling through what is a small village, with a narrow High Street, not suited to such heavy numbers of HGV traffic. The junction of Cavenham Rd/High St/Higham Road is a particular area of concern, as HGV’s heavily laden, leave the Quarry and enter the village via Cavenham Road, they then have to take the sharp left turn into Higham Road to join up with the A144 (Jnc 40), the HGV’s have to either go up on the kerb, or cross the oncoming carriageway of Higham Road, thus posing a risk of head on collision with oncoming traffic.

The water table is being adversely impacted by the gravel works, year on year the river/streams/dykes are getting lower and drying up. There are large bodies of water on the gravel works site, where they have pumped the water out of the ground in order to extract the sand. The longer this continues, the more it will negatively impact the farmers, the riverways and the residents of Tuddenham. I would ask that the planning authority takes this into consideration.

As for the extension to restoring the land, as agreed in previous applications, there have been a number of phases over the years and successive applications have been made which expand upon the original scope and are therefore treated as the same scope but just extended. In that way the restorations do not get done because work is still ongoing, we have great concerns that the restoration will once again be deferred and the land is at risk of becoming an eyesore and it will eventually have an impact on the Triple SI area and the wildlife habitat. The fact that planning permission has only been granted with the condition that the land is restored shows that the land is considered damaged by the gravel works. Continuously extending the site, and not requiring previously worked areas to be restored is a misuse of this planning process. The land, with this loophole, remains damaged indefinitely.