

Dear Ms Parker,

I wish to request a place at the table for the Minerals Hearings in November. I only have the one topic, Site Specific 2568, plan by Johnsons Quarries to open a Quarry in the village of South Crosland.

I list below my reasons for objecting to this.

1. South Crosland is a conservation area and the proposed quarry is within 150m of many of the houses. All houses will be affected all day long by noise, dust and polluted air from the huge diesel digging vehicles as we are downwind of the constant prevailing wind.
2. Access to the quarry is along Arborary Lane which is narrow and often busy with fast traffic, totally unsuitable for huge quarry vehicles. The crossroads at Black Lane/Intake Lane is notoriously dangerous with many accidents and at least one fatality a few years ago. 50 huge lorry movements along this road which, in places is barely wide enough for two cars to pass will make it even more dangerous than now.
3. This is wilful despoilation of productive farmland of high visual amenity as well as seriously affecting wildlife. Skylark and Plover nest here as well as many other farmland birds all of which are in decline nationally. They will be wiped out. There are many springs and watercourses issuing from these fields which feed into streams running into the River Holme. These will be either polluted or destroyed.
4. This plan was submitted to the Local Plan at a very late date, after the public consultation was finished, giving little time for the residents to consult and formulate their objections. Their lives will be seriiously affected by the close proximity of a huge quarry.

Susan Carter.