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Mr. Jonathon Haine,
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Dear Mr. Haine,

Pilling Parish Council wishes to make the comments on the planning application listed below.

SCP/2022/0003

PROPOSAL: SCOPING OPINION REQUEST FOR SAND & GRAVEL
EXTRACTION
LOCATION: LAND OFF BOURBLES FARM, PREESALL

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scoping document of a proposed sand and gravel extraction project in Preesall which will impact on Pilling residents.

Firstly, Pilling Parish Council fully support the comments and supporting information submitted by Preesall Town Council, and trust that Lancashire County Council will fully consider these comments when considering the document.

The Parish Council objects to the document and wishes to add the impacts this proposal will make on Pilling residents from the interruption in local life through traffic conflict, air borne particles, noise and mental health stress.

Traffic Conflict - The access to the proposal uses the A588, the third most dangerous road in Britain, directly through the centre of Stakepool. Head Dyke Lane is closely bordered by dykes and hedges HGV's passing other traffic including other HGV's may result in running off the edge into the dykes. The corner at Fold House is particularly narrow and difficult to negotiate followed by the narrow Pilling Water bridge. This is a predominantly agricultural area with farming vehicles widely using the roads and parking at businesses in Stakepool.

Lancashire County Council highways must be consulted for a suitable traffic management plan and their requirements upheld as to the state of the infrastructure of local roads with the increase in heavier vehicle use. Is Garstang Road to be considered as an access route?

Air Pollution - There is little information in the scoping document on the potential impact to local community from air pollution arising from the proposed sand and gravel extraction, mineral processing and construction vehicle movements. Air borne particles both from the works and traffic carrying the material needs to be investigated as to the impact on Pilling residents and what mitigating measures will be employed. This investigation must include the noise impact to be made with the increased number of HGV's to be used for transporting materials out and those returning to fill the voids.

Various sizes of air borne particles will be produced from these works which will be blown from the site as the prevailing wind blows from the coast and these will be detrimental to those living in Pilling. Will monitoring be conducted into the wider community?

Residents Health - This document, even at this stage, is causing great stress and unrest to our residents within close proximity as to the immediate detrimental effect on them and the wider community with the potential effect on their quality of life.

Lancashire County Council will be aware that the site has Biological Heritage Status under its RAMSAR status and trusts Lancashire County Council will include this in their decisions.

Yours Sincerely,

Pilling Parish Council.