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Dear Hampshire County Council

Planning Application for Proposed Gravel Extraction on Hamble Airfield

As a school we are very concerned about the Urban Quarry that you are proposing to build next to our school. We held a meeting to discuss our thoughts and feelings and wanted to send them to you. Please can you consider the below points before you make the wrong decision and damage our education.

We are worried about the effect this may have on our education as well as our health. We think that this quarry will impact our education and school life in many ways. Firstly, the noise, it is only going to be 150 metres from our school, we may not be able to hear in class, we may not be able to concentrate which will lead to us falling behind and progressing as well as we could which would impact our future choices. If the quarry is going to run all throughout the year how will we be able to sit our exams in a calm and quiet environment?

We are worried about the traffic. Hamble Lane is already busy especially at key times like the school start/ end time. We are worried that some of our teachers may struggle to get through the traffic and therefore we may miss time in lessons with them, having our progress impacted yet again. Will the buses to and from school be able to get through the traffic so we can get in and home on time? Some areas of Hamble Lane are already dangerous when we are walking to and from school and with the HGVs this scares us that more of our students may get hurt.

Some of us live next to the airfield and if the quarry is started then our journey to school could go from a 20-minute walk to an hour walk. We are also worried about our health, our friends and family. We are concerned about the amount of dust and air pollution the quarry may cause and what respiratory issues may impact us in the future. As it is going to be so close to our school what will happen if we are having lessons outside like PE, Science and Geography with the dust and noise? We want to be able learn in the outside environments and this may limit our chances of this. At break time and lunch time we go outside to spend time with our friends as we know this has a positive impact on our mental health – We will no longer be able to do this.

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Please take all of our points into consideration, we really do not want our school environment to change. We would be happy to meet with you in person to discuss our concerns and would appreciate it if we could arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

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The Hamble School Council on behalf of the student community