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Dear Hampshire County Council

### **Planning Application for Proposed Gravel Extraction on Hamble Airfield**

We are filing a complaint against the creation of the quarry next to the school in the airfield. We believe this would be a big problem if implemented as it would affect the education of students. Some of the buildings are incredibly close to the airfield, providing distracting noises for the students. This is especially important for those of us in Year 10 and 11 nearing our GCSEs or BTECs because the sports hall, where the majority of important exams are sat, is close by and the proposed quarry will cause distractions to us during the exams which define the rest of our lives.

The number of HGVs that would go past is a real concern, with even more traffic created by the number of vehicles quarry staff would use coming up and down Hamble Lane. This will cause severe congestion in an area that already has problems with traffic most mornings. This will end up making people late to school and wasting more education time. The increased traffic would also make accidents more possible. Crossing Hamble Lane is difficult to cross anyway and has been a site of accidents already, without the added extra of multiple HGV continuously up and down this road.

The dust caused by this quarry would affect asthmatic people making it a health risk. Dust will affect pupils travelling along Hamble Lane, but also on the school site. People who have asthma or breathing problems will be at the highest risk. Anyone who uses a bike or scooter may get dust in their eyes while going home which besides being annoying could also be dangerous.

In addition to the concerns we have about our education and health, we also object as Eco-Ambassadors on the grounds of the enjoyment of the greenspace that pupils have. Some pupils take this route as a more scenic route to school. We are worried about the effects the quarry will have on the River Hamble which is popular with us through the summer. We also feel this quarry is undermining the work of the Eco-Ambassadors as we are working within the school to support wildlife and teach about a greater respect for the natural environment.

We write this letter to **object** to the building of the quarry and the reasons why we don't want it to go ahead.

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Yours Sincerely,

**The Hamble School Eco-Ambassadors**