

**STOP METHLLEY
QUARRY**



**Campaign Information:
Castleford
Update**

Methley Anti-Quarry Campaign Group

Hargreaves Services PLC, are expected to submit an imminent planning application, to enable the excavation, processing and transportation of Sand and Gravel on a site within the village of Methley on it's border with Castleford.

The duration of the extraction is expected to last **at least** 15 years and may well expand to further sites within the village boundary. The planned start date is summer 2025, therefore it'll be 2040/2041 before we'd get our village back. By then, it'll have been irrevocably scarred both directly and indirectly, with 2.7 million tonnes of sand and gravel excavated, that is 150,000 tonnes to 300,000 tonnes extracted per year and a huge lake created in place of green open space.

Methley Anti-Quarry Campaign believe the potential adverse effects on air quality, public health, and community well-being make this an unsuitable location for such a development.

How a Quarry in Methley **WILL** affect CASTLEFORD

The local authority boundary between Leeds City Council and Wakefield Council is a mere few hundred yards from the proposed site.

Castleford residents living particularly around Three Lane Ends, Whitwood Mere, Navigation Point, Hightown and areas along the A639, A6032 Methley Road, A655 Willowbridge Lane and through to the M62 are hardly shielded from the potential effects should an application to quarry the site succeed.

In addition to the general information outlined on subsequent pages please consider the following:

- The number of huge wagons both loaded and unloaded with sand a gravel using Castleford routes adding to existing traffic congestion with residential areas very close by.
- The prevailing wind may carry harmful dust and particles in the direction of your home and community.
- Residents situated in lower lying parts of the locality may wish to consider whether additional discharges into the river would further increase the risk of flooding to both homes and accompanying land when rainfall levels are already high.

Once a planning application goes live your objection to Leeds City Council may be key to preventing these concerns becoming a reality.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION OVERLEAF REGARDING THE OBJECTION PROCESS. NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE UNDER LEEDS CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT AN OBJECTION.

Breakdown of Concerns



Traffic and Safety

Increase in heavy vehicles, leading to higher emissions of exhaust fumes, degraded roads. Up to 76 vehicle movements a day - 38 wagons into the quarry 38 wagons out of the quarry - not including a strong possibility of more vehicles leaving the quarry going through the village in the process of providing the site with services and supplies. The proposed development would see all quarry vehicles using the A639 towards Castleford and into or through the village for local deliveries.



Noise

Heavy machinery and trucks are inherently noisy. The constant noise can be a significant source of stress and annoyance for residents. The quarry is proposed to operate 6 days a week from 7am.



Air Quality and Health Impacts

The quarrying process generates substantial amounts of dust and microscopic particles, which is known to travel significant distances and seriously degrade air quality. It may also contain harmful properties within the dust which may have the ability to seriously affect not only those who suffer existing respiratory conditions but also the typically healthy individual.



Flood Risk

Methley and nearby communities are situated within a high-risk flood area, this could be further exacerbated due to significant additional amounts of water used in the quarrying and subsequent processing, ultimately pumped out into the river Aire.



Environmental Impact

The excavation and transportation processes will devastate sections of the natural wildlife habitat, leading to a loss of biodiversity.



Impact on Community Wellbeing

The cumulative effects of dust, noise, and increased traffic can significantly reduce the quality of life for residents. For those with respiratory conditions, the stress of living in an environment with poor air quality and constant noise may lead to decline in both physical and mental health.

Assistance to Construct and Submit Your Objection

Should you require **any** assistance in putting together your objection to the planning application, please email the Methley Anti-Quarry Campaign Group at:

stopmethleyquarry@gmail.com

Alternatively, if you cannot or do not access the internet, you can leave your name address and contact details at the Methley and Mickletown Post Office on Main Street, Methley. A member of the Methley Anti-Quarry Campaign Group will follow up with you, in due course. Any contact details provided, will be stored safely and securely.

Please remember to sign up to the **stopmethleyquarry.com** website for updates, please tell your friends and neighbours to do this also.

You can view Hargreaves Services PLC, pre planning proposal from the website below

www.coneymoorproposals.co.uk

Seek the Support of Your Elected Representatives

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The Planning Application Objection Process

Once a planning application is submitted there is a very short window of only 4 weeks, to lodge objections.

All members of your household can object, you don't have to be a Methley resident to register an objection, there is **no** minimum age to write an objection. The objection must contain a degree of logical reasoning, why you believe the quarrying should not proceed. The only stipulation is each objection is individual and not combined.

Do not attempt to register an objection until Leeds city council have notified a planning application has been received. If and when this point is reached the campaign group will ensure this is effectively publicised to residents.

To register an objection with Leeds City Council, you must submit an **individual** objection to Leeds City Council's Planning Department. There are two ways to do this:

You can register an objection online via the Leeds City Council website.

www.leeds.gov.uk/planning/planning-permission/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications



You can write a letter and send this to Leeds City Council's Planning Department at the following address:

Planning Services, Leeds City Council, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds. LS2 8BB

The application reference number is VITAL. This must be included on your objection. The application reference number will become available once planning permission has been submitted.