



Objection to Increased HGV Traffic linked to Stoke Hall Quarry

Local residents in Stoke have objected to a retrospective Planning Application by national stone manufacturers Marshall's PLC for the importation of stone and the installation of 2 wire saws at Stoke Hall Quarry. The objections were supported by over 200 signatories to a petition presented to the planners to dispel the Peak Park Minerals Dept. claim not to have had objections and Marshall's comment in their application that "public opposition per se is not a material consideration."

The Highways Authority confirm that they have had numerous objections on road safety grounds.

Our objection does not relate to quarrying at Stoke Hall Quarry for which there is permission.

However, the owners have been importing stone without permission and processing it before exporting it again. None of which is allowed under planning permissions going back to 1952.

The site is now contaminated with foreign block stone off cuts and debris not won from this site which has a permanent adverse environmental impact by way of contamination. This is specifically prevented by existing planning consent but goes on regardless.

Figures produced by Marshalls show a massive increase in the number of HGV's carrying stone (from other quarries) into Stoke Hall Quarry for processing - with over 58,357 tonnes imported in 5075 lorry loads between 2013 - 2015. Of those journeys 35 % travel through Grindleford village. Marshall's state they do not keep figures and this is their estimate.

There are serious road traffic dangers linked to HGV's using the junction on the Blind Summit to access the quarry. The Highways Authority stated in October 2016 that the junction was substandard and that the application be refused on road safety grounds. A near collision with a local

resident caused by a HGV at the junction is actively being investigated by Derbyshire Police.



At a meeting of the Peak Park Planning Committee on the 8th September 2017, at which local residents voiced their objections, the Planners deferred any decision to request the attendance of the Highways Authority and for further information of the traffic and road safety issues and the lawfulness of the importation.

If this application is successful it would amount to the creation of an industrial manufacturing site at the quarry when in fact Marshall's have numerous suites which are better located to process the imported stone.

A petition is available to sign in the Village Shop.

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