

Comment for Drury Quarry Expansion-Sutton Block application

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To: Fast-track Team

I am writing to provide a submission regarding the proposed Sutton Block expansion of Drury Quarry.

While current regional monitoring suggests that air quality in Drury is generally good, these readings are most unlikely to reflect real conditions immediately next to the quarry.

Residents living nearby are chronically exposed to the pollution and small dust particulate matter, which raises concerns about long-term health and wellbeing. It is known that the land is gradually lowering over time. This can increase dust suspension, affect drainage, increase dust and particulate emissions from extraction and transport. This further affects the health and amenity of nearby residents. Additionally, some residents in the Macwhinney Drive area are currently negatively affected by noise pollution from the quarry. The proposed expansion would exacerbate these issues,

Other concerns include the removal of indigenous vegetation within the ecological area which could impact native flora and fauna. The changes to surface water flows and groundwater levels would potentially affect nearby streams and wetlands. Increased truck movements, dust, and noise would disrupt daily life and safety. The scale of the development would also significantly alter the landscape and visual character of the area which negatively affecting the market value of nearby properties.

Drury has a unique community character and rural identity, which contributes to local wellbeing. The proposed expansion would adversely affect the sense of community and the overall quality of life for residents.

Thank you for considering these points in your assessment of the proposal.

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Kind regards

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