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Below is the wording the PC are using to object, you can quote this or amend to suit your personal views but please include dust and noise pollution, especially in close proximity to the local primary school

Wroxton & Balscote Parish Council opposes this application on the grounds that it does not comply with the terms of Policy OSP G2 OMWLP PE1:

'(4) (a) No mineral working or activity associated with mineral working shall take place within 350 metres of any dwelling in any phase, as approved under condition 61, that affects Balscote or Wroxton, except in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Mineral Planning Authority that proves that no adverse environmental effects with respect to noise and dust will be experienced by people living in these dwellings. The Mineral Planning Authority will expect the scheme to be supported by an environmental assessment using facts and figures collected both on site and in the villages over a suitable period of time.

(b) In any event no working shall take place within 200 metres of any dwelling in Balscote or Wroxton'.

Reason: To prevent working taking place close to villages or residential properties to the detriment of the amenity of residents or the countryside and to ensure that the operators are aware of the need to establish that the residents will not suffer from environmental problems if quarrying within the 350 and 200 metres zone is to be allowed (OMWCS C5)

The 2 nearest properties to the proposed expansion, Cuckoo Piece Barn (145 metres) and Alpha Cottage (150 metres) are both well within the 200 metres zone as confirmed in a report carried out for Earthline in December 2023 by DustScan AQ. Furthermore, at the quoted distance of 220 metres, Wroxton Primary School is situated only marginally outside of the 200 metres zone. The distances quoted in this report do not state whether these are to/from the relevant buildings or to/from the nearest point of the plots on which they stand.

In the case of the school this is of particular importance with pupils spending a lot of time in the school playground where they will be exposed to a potential increase in air pollution and noise, with its risk of negative effect on their health and wellbeing. We would point out that being situated to the east of the quarry the school is in direct line of the prevailing wind.

In this respect we note that the OCC strategy plan 2022-25 stated amongst its priorities: "...3. Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents....7. Create opportunities for children and young people to reach their full potential..."

We are also concerned that this proposed expansion will inevitably lead to an increase in lorry movements through Wroxton and Drayton.

In conclusion we oppose any quarry expansion within the 350 metre zone.