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Mr. Jonathon Haine,
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Dear Mr. Haine,

Application: LCC/2023/0030

Proposal: The extraction and processing of sand and gravel including the construction of new site access roads, landscaping and screening bunds, minerals washing plant and other associated infrastructure with restoration to leisure end-uses, agricultural land and biodiversity enhancement, using imported inert fill.

Location: Land off Bourbles Lane, Preesall

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scoping document of a proposed sand and gravel extraction project in Preesall which will impact on Pilling residents.

Traffic

Firstly, Pilling Parish Council objected to this based on the increase in traffic and air pollution caused by the increasing number of HGV's using this route.

This has not changed and further to that, there is concern that if the A588 was to be closed for any reason the traffic would then come through Pilling village itself which is completely unsuitable for heavy loads.

As a consequence we would like to see evidence of an emergency plan in place for rerouting the traffic.

Water Drainage

We refer to the Environment Agency Comments dated 18/09/2023 as below:

It may be necessary to review the restoration proposals prior to final closure of the site to assess how the permanently modified site hydrology and hydrogeology will influence the level of the water table relative to the restoration land surface. Typically, surface water level or storm run-off controls may be required or need final adjustment in the light of modified groundwater levels for open water or wetland restorations, and the need for land drains etc may need review

We need to see evidence that this has been taken into account as we cannot see any response to the post development cap in land levels and impact upon the water table thus causing further flooding issues within Pilling.

Air Pollution

Pilling Parish Council still has concerns regarding the management of dust at the site and increased air pollution caused by the increase in HGV traffic.

The parish council would like reassurances that these points have been addressed.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Brewer

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Pilling Parish Council.