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For the attention of: Sharon Thompson

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Dear Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council

**Planning Application: KCC/SE/0495/2018, Covers Quarry, Westerham**

*Stabilisation and restoration of Covers Farm Quarry using imported engineering materials to restore the site to grassland, including landscape planting and an ecological receptor area together with a temporary road and ancillary buildings.*

**Re: Technical Annex 10 Transport (October 2018) and Appendix 4 Routeing Agreement (December 2019)**

Further to our previous objection to Technical Annex 10 Transport (attached), Warlingham Parish Council now wishes to raise its strongest objection to the routeing agreement outlined in Appendix 4 Routeing Agreement December 2019.

**Routeing Agreement**

The total predicted number of two-way trips is up to 200 over an 11 hour day for a period of 5 years, with no HGV movements permitted on weekends. To protect the village centres of Brasted and Sundridge on the A25, the number of two-way movements along Beggars Lane and the A25 east is now limited to 100 per weekday. It was already the case that no HGVs will be permitted to route to or from the quarry site through Westerham town centre, thereby preventing access from the A25 west and providing protection for excessive HGV movements for Westerham itself.

The A25 east and Beggars Lane, with its links to the M25 and the proposed reclaimed materials sites in South East London, was originally to have been the primary route for HGVs travelling to and from the quarry site.

Although Appendix 4 is silent on the distribution of the remaining HGV lorry movements, the proposed new limit on the number of HGVs taking the A25 east route can only result in the London Road (A233) and Croydon Road (B024) taking the remaining 100 HGV two-way trips each day between them.

This poses a significant risk for Warlingham as the only route to the quarry site for HGVs from the B024 and B269 north is via Warlingham village centre. HGVs taking

this route would also have to approach the quarry site down the steep hill from Clarke's Lane. This is a particularly narrow and dangerous stretch of road which, with the addition of multiple daily HGV movements, would pose a serious threat to public safety.

### **Impact on Warlingham Village Centre**

Warlingham Parish Council has grave concerns regarding the impact of HGV lorry movements on the village centre of Warlingham and specifically the number of HGV vehicles that would have to travel via The Green at Warlingham.

The approach to the quarry site via the B024 north was only originally included in the transport plan as a "sensitivity test" with HGV traffic modelled at 15% of the total number of HGV trips. We feel this position has now changed significantly with the routeing agreement outlined in Appendix 4.

Given the length of the project (5 years) there can be no certainty as to the exact source of the material to be used for the quarry infill throughout the life of the project. It is our view, therefore, that no allowance has been made for infill material being sourced from construction sites in the south or south-west sectors of the Greater London Area. In this event, the number of HGVs using the B2024 and B269 can only increase substantially.

Any increase in the level of HGV traffic above existing levels on this route would have a significant impact on the centre of Warlingham as the HGVs would have to negotiate the narrow roads around The Green. This would result in highway safety issues and considerable disruption for the residents of Warlingham.

Because of the grave concerns we have with the possible impact of this proposal, this letter has also been copied to the local County Councillor and the Surrey County Council Cabinet Member for Place (Highways).

Yours sincerely,

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Clerk, for and on behalf of Warlingham Parish Council

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