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Objection to Application CON/2026/0016

Site: Hope Works, Pindale Road, Hope, Derbyshire, S33 6RP

Proposal: Proposed lateral extension of the Limestone Quarry to extract up to 13 million tonnes of limestone for continued on-site cement manufacture and quarry restoration

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to formally object to Application CON/2026/0016 regarding the proposed lateral extension of the limestone quarry at Hope Works, located in Hope, within the Peak District National Park.

My objection is based on the following grounds:

1. Harm to the Peak District National Park

The proposed extraction of up to 13 million tonnes of limestone would extend industrial activity further into a nationally protected landscape. The Peak District National Park was designated to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage. This extension would cause significant and long-term landscape harm that conflicts with the statutory purposes of the National Park.

The scale of extraction proposed is substantial and would prolong visual scarring, noise, and dust generation for many years.

2. Visual and Landscape Impact

The quarry is highly visible from surrounding viewpoints and public rights of way. A lateral extension would intensify the industrial character of the area and undermine the valued landscape setting of Hope Valley. Incremental expansion risks normalising ongoing degradation of a protected landscape.

3. Environmental and Ecological Concerns

Further quarrying poses risks to:

- ⌘ Local habitats and biodiversity
- ⌘ Groundwater and hydrology
- ⌘ Air quality due to increased dust
- ⌘ Carbon emissions associated with cement production

At a time of climate and biodiversity crisis, expanding cement production and mineral extraction appears contrary to national environmental commitments.

4. Traffic, Noise and Community Impact

Although described as a continuation of existing operations, extending the life and footprint of the quarry will prolong disruption to residents of Hope and the wider Hope Valley. Heavy goods vehicle movements, blasting vibration, and operational noise materially affect local amenity and quality of life.

5. Precedent and Long-Term Industrialisation

Approving this extension risks setting a precedent for continued encroachment into protected land. Restoration promises often span decades and cannot fully mitigate the irreversible loss of landscape character during extraction.

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Conclusion

Given the sensitive location within the Peak District National Park, the scale of extraction proposed, and the significant landscape, environmental and community impacts, I respectfully urge the authority to refuse Application CON/2026/0016.

The protection of nationally designated landscapes should carry substantial weight in planning decisions. This proposal represents an inappropriate and harmful expansion of heavy industry in such a location.

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