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Dear Mr French

Much Wenlock Town Council Objection to Planning Application 19/05509/MAW follow on to submission 13th February 2020 by E Mail and then submitted Hard copy 14th February 2020

Due to the considerable documentation involved in both applications 10/05509/MAW and 19/05560/OUT these objections are to be added to those already submitted.

Shropshire Local Development Framework Adopted Core Strategy at 3 indicates "The challenges we face."

In Shropshire we need to Plan

- A lower carbon footprint, ensuring development mitigates and adapts to the effects of Climate Change
- The protection and enhancement of our natural and historical environment, its character, quality and diversity.

We object to the application and do so in that the proposed development cannot be seen to be aligned to supporting those intentions.

A vision for Shropshire at 3.3 Sustainable Community Strategy 2010 -2020 states the vision is

A flourishing Shropshire and three priorities are set.

Numbered 2 of those is on page 28 of the adopted Core Strategy and reads

"2 Responding to Climate Change and Enhancing our Natural Build Environment

- Shropshire will be recognised as a leader in responding to climate change
- Working with Communities to prepare for and adapt to the issues that climate change may bring and ensure the rich varied environment is valued, protected and enhanced;
- Natural Resources, waste and water will be managed efficiently and we will adapt our needs to meet the changing demands of the climate".

Priority 2 makes it clear Shropshire Councils responsibilities in relation to Climate change and Natural Build Environment. This application if approved we believe is contrary to the Councils stated Priority as given at 2.

Other objectors have in our view rightly identified Flooding, possible Land Slips and consequences of Mineral Extraction in the proximity to Environmental and Historical Assets.

Flooding as we write this in February 2020 is of considerable concerns both for local residents and indeed visitors on whom we so readily rely on to support our Communities are faced with Headlines such as

"Shropshire Flooding: Ironbridge remains under "Danger to Life" flood warning as more rain expected." (Shropshire Star 18.2.2020)

"Shropshire flooding: Call for increased £50m flood defences to protect Ironbridge." (Shropshire Star 19.2.2020)

Fourty Houses and buildings under Emergency evacuation are all extremely serious and escalating issues. Extraction of Minerals which in our earlier submission is not in any way required with a considerable Landbank of Sand and Gravel available. Removal of these minerals could result in stabilisation issues and have serious consequences for Groundwater reserves and the whole water eco system. This cannot in our view be allowed to be disturbed so close to an area so vulnerable to flood dangers and should not in any way be permitted

We strongly object and believe approval would be contrary to the Adopted Core Vision and Core strategy CS18 and we note at indicators in CS18

- Planning applications with Environmental Agency Objections (AMR Core output Indicator E1

The Environment Agency have indeed objected to this application and considerable local opinion will fully endorse and support that Professional judgement.

This application does considerable Environmental harm and does not meet and enhance in any way Shropshire Councils stated Climate Change ambitions. It could cause further issues with levels of Flooding at known dangerous levels. Shropshire Council are requested to reject this application There are better and less risky alternatives available.

Much Wenlock has had its own flood issues again in February 2020. So, we really relate to Ironbridge residents' concerns.

"Danger to life" warnings are not advised lightly. Fourty houses and buildings are not evacuated lightly.

A call for £50 m permanent flood defences is not made lightly.

A holistic approach to the whole of the River Severn called for by the local MP, Daniel Kawczynski, is not made lightly.

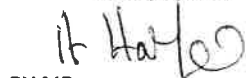
Quarrying, major development and particularly large-scale housing developments are of real and genuine concerns and the indications are that such intense storm events such as those in October 2019, January and so far in February 2020 will be more frequent.

These are very serious factors for both Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

Much Wenlock Town Council with a considerable knowledge of local issues including Ironbridge Gorge believe this present application 19/05509/MAW should be rejected.

We believe there are other commercial schemes such as an eco-friendly holiday centre and regeneration by natural means (Ruhr, Germany, Emscher landscape park which could be considered for this area, without damage to the environment.

We would expand on this in submission to the outline plan.



CHAIR:

On behalf of Much Wenlock Town Council