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For attention of Mr Donald Wilkins

Re: Environmental Impact Assessment – Dunduff Quarry extension

Dear Sir

Further to your letter of 20 August, we are extremely concerned regarding the impact of this proposal on the village of Lesmahagow.

The traffic figures indicate that there would be "1 vehicular movement (in and out) every 3.5 to 4.5 minutes" along the proposed new route through Strathaven Road. (We are unclear whether this means 1 vehicle out and 1 vehicle in, in other words two vehicles passing through every 3.5 to 4.5 minutes.)

Whatever interpretation, this will create a major disturbance on what is currently a quiet road. The section past Muirsland Farm is regularly used by walkers while the traffic through the residential area west of Teiglum Road can only pose a major threat to adults and children, who regularly walk to school, and be entirely unacceptable to the residents of this area.

We also believe that major structural work would need to take place on Lesmahagow Road and Strathaven Road before it could be considered suitable for such traffic. This would include making the road wider, reconstructing two sharp corners, adding pavements and possibly the introduction of a roundabout to slow the vehicles before they enter the residential area. In light of this we suggest that the construction of an alternative route be considered.

We can see no benefit accruing to the village of Lesmahagow and therefore when, and if a planning application should result, we are of a mind to object.

Yours faithfully



Jim Macintyre
Chairperson