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Dear Sir or Madam

RE: **App. No. 10/05199/MINW** Stowey Quarry.

I sent an e-mail response from my Council to this re-submitted application some weeks ago, but the evidence suggests that it was not received or that it was misdirected in some way. I am accordingly sending by surface mail a copy of the statement my Council agreed, which is as follows:

" To have any dump that imports hundreds of thousands of tonnes of waste from all over the West Country and further afield via large lorries travelling down small lanes and minor A roads (note, two lorries cannot pass each other at points on the A37 in both Pensford and Temple Cloud without coming to a halt) and being nowhere near any major trunk route or motorway, is at best shortsighted.

To consider have a large waste dump that is within an AONB is at best inappropriate.

To have any waste dump, whether it is for asbestos or other materials, which is on top of a hill, with the prevailing winds heading in the direction of our village, is at best irresponsible.

Any waste dump which could release even the most infinitesimal amounts of asbestos into the watercourse directly above and adjacent to the main drinking water supply for all Chew Valley and most of Bristol must be at best madness.

We understand that the applicants propose to wash down the lorries carrying asbestos waste – but it is obvious that either this will be washed down into the watercourses below, or will dry on the surface and the dust will blow in the wind towards Clutton.

WE also understand that the geology of the site is such that whatever arrangements the operator might undertake to line the quarry are likely over time to be fractured by movements and slippage in the rock strata, such that the lining and any other

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form of protection will be damaged and become ineffective – putting at risk, if not our own generation, then those which will follow us.

Consequently, Clutton Parish Council objects strongly to this application in its entirety as it is clearly short-sighted, inappropriate irresponsible madness.”

As you may imagine, my Council would be disappointed if its views were not made know within your authority before any decision is made about this application.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Barran
Clerk