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Cllr Rob Humby
Leader of Hampshire County Council
Councillor Peter Latham
Chair of the Regulatory Committee Hampshire County Council
The Castle
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23rd April 2024

Dear Rob & Peter,

I am writing to you in advance of the hearing of the application by CEMEX to develop a gravel quarry on Hamble Airfield, scheduled to take place on 15th May 2024.

As you know, this is an issue which matters greatly to me and my constituents, many of whom are deeply concerned about the negative impact that this development would have on our community should it be granted.

Over the past few years, I have held and attended many meetings, facilitated discussions, and received and answered letters from constituents who have outlined their individual and varied reasons for opposing the quarry. All of whom are passionate in their love for their local area, which they are deeply invested in protecting.

It is for this reason that I am asking that you ensure the meeting is held in a venue which can accommodate all of the hundreds of residents of Hamble who wish to attend to ensure that none are denied access to this vital hearing which so many of them care so deeply about.

Local opinion of this planning application has been overwhelmingly against granting permission. As you know from the responses to the consultation, over five-thousand objections by residents have been logged encompassing concerns varying from environmental pollution, traffic congestion, and health and safety. It is vital that the people who will be most affected by a grant of planning permission have the right and opportunity for their voices to be heard and listened to.

I would be grateful if you could therefore identify a venue with suitable capacity for this hearing to be held and advise me and the rest of the residents of Hamble as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Holmes', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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