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Dear Messrs and Dr Kidd

Thank you for your letter dated 5 June 2012 regarding your objections to the proposal by Provectus Remediation Ltd to operate an opencast coal mine on land at Hilltop Farm between Clay Cross and Tupton.

I have forwarded this to officers in the Planning Department so your objections can be taken into account during the consultation period.

Yours sincerely

COUNCILLOR MARTYN FORD
Chairman
Regulatory Planning Committee



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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to express our anger about the proposal by Provectus Remediation Limited to operate an opencast coal mine on land at Hilltop Farm between Clay Cross and Tupton.

Our concerns are:

- Whilst coal has been a key factor in the development of both Britain and the Clay Cross area, it is a highly polluting fuel and a major contributor to global warming. It should therefore be phased out and left in the ground.
- The proposed area of operation is not an industrial site, nor does it need remediation; it is an agricultural area bordered on more than half of its perimeter by houses.
- More than 1300 homes, Holmgate primary school, a nursery, as well as Tupton Hall Secondary School are situated within 500 metres of the proposed site. The dust and exhaust emissions generated by the operations will therefore increase the risk of asthma and other serious diseases in a substantial number of people, including many children. Spraying with water will not prevent coal dust entering the atmosphere. Coal particles less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter will enter and remain in people's lungs.
- The prevailing south westerly winds will carry dust and exhaust emissions over many more homes and three primary schools in Tupton, Grassmoor, and North Wingfield.
- Noise bunds will not be sufficient to prevent noise levels experienced by local residents from rising above their current values.
- The habitats of plants and animals, specifically bats, birds, and reptiles, will be destroyed. The finished landscape will be bland and lacking in species diversity. Replanted hedges will take many years to return to their current height and thickness.
- Heavy lorries will have to turn into the busy A61, increasing the probability of traffic accidents, and adding to traffic disruptions on a road that becomes gridlocked when the M1 is closed.
- The industrial appearance of the site will create a negative impression of Clay Cross on visitors approaching from the north on the A61, at a time when the town is regenerating and aiming to attract new businesses and more visitors.
- The excavations will lower the water table, which will dry out clay and cause subsidence in neighbouring houses.
- The three years of disruption to this site will produce only enough coal to fuel a power station for less than one month.

Please consider our comments when discussing this matter in Derbyshire County Council's Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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