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Please see the e-mail below for the planning files.

Beth – please add to the casefile for information.

Thanks

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From: Paul Housiaux [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 June 2026 11:14

To: Andrew Stoke [REDACTED]
Subject: Mr.A. Stokes,

Mr.A. Stokes,
Chief Executive Officer,
SMDC,
Moorlands House,
Leek,
ST10 6HQ.

2nd June 2026

Dear Mr. Stokes,
Moneystone Quarry Planning Application DOC/2026/0045.

I write to **object** to the application to discharge planning conditions set out in the above application. The conditions were imposed to meet the concerns of members of the PAC and Officers at the time that Applications SMD/2016/0378, SMD/2019/0646, and SMD/2023/0532 were considered. These included instability, lack of safety, the presence of an unlicensed and unstable 'perched' reservoir at Q3. In case it has not been drawn to your attention by the Case Officer, the Developers in late February and early March 2026 have barricaded the entrance to Q3 and displayed large warning signs accepting that Q3 is now recognised as a life threatening dangerous Quick sand. photographic evidence has been preserved.

This recent acceptance by the Developers has **never** been considered by the members of the PAC in respect of Q3 specifically.

This is a matter that goes to the heart of SMDC's Planning Authority duty to consider the dangers to the public.

Again in in case you are unfamiliar, with the details the Case Officer commissioned a report which considered those issues and drew to her attention that the Applicants had not complied with their NPPF obligations which of course also apply to your Planning Authority.

I respectfully submit that the PAC should sit as a matter of urgency to consider the Authorities obligations that arise from not just the series of recent applications but also because of the recent (Developers) designation of Q3 as a dangerous Quicksand and a risk to life.

I submit any hearing and determination of NMA/2026/0006, NMA/2026/0007, DOC/2026/0045 prior to a reconsideration of the admitted and new danger that a major area of the proposed development (Q3)is now accepted as a threat to life would be irresponsible.

There also remains unresolved the issue of the Tunnel beneath Eaves Lane which does not have the benefit of Outline permission. There are serious planning and safety consequences arising from that state of affairs. The attempt by the Case Officer to impose Condition 17 is not within the Authorities legal power. Please advise if you believe my conclusion on this issue to be wrong and supply your legal reasoning.

It seems self evident that your Authority and the PAC must revisit earlier decisions in the light of serious and admitted public dangers. I would also remind you that at National level the Environment Agency is still to finalise it's ruling on the unlicensed reservoir present in Q3.

Those same cited Applications are now firmly set within the context of Applications NMA /2026/0006 and 0007 and as such give the public a legal right to be heard anew and against the background of new and changing Environmental conditions that have arisen since the above applications were lodged and determined.

The attempt clearly evidenced in COC/2026/0045 if granted will put residents and the public - especially those 'down stream' of the proposed Development - at an increased risk of danger and harm.

On that basis and as a matter of law and correct procedure the public and residents are entitled to be heard on the intention to remove the cited conditions. They should be entitled to exercise these rights before a meeting of the PAC.

It is also clearly necessary in the light of the evidence of changes in the stability of the whole proposed Development site, for a full sitting of the PAC to meet so that they can **properly weigh the planning balance** for any decisions that they reach and record the grounds for their decisions in the event that a Court or the Secretary of State is required to intervene.

Please acknowledge receipt of these objections and confirm that they will be recorded on the Application DOC/2026/0045.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Housiaux,
Whiston Resident.
02/06/2026.

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