

# MAKING YOU AWARE

## MIDDLETON QUARRY, POLLINGTON

Our parish council have been approached by the current owner of Middleton Quarry, Pollington. Namely a guy called Robert Lunn, who lives in Doncaster.

The quarry owners are aiming to open up the quarry, to remove what remaining sand and gravel there is, then fill the quarry with waste. They have even said they will be removing the contaminated waste that was dumped there in 2009, of which the previous owners ended up going to prison for. (Please see attached)

The contaminated waste that was dumped in 2009 consists of Asbestos and Mercury as well as other nasties and it should be left where it is. As removing it, could effect the water cause, which will in time effect our drinking water.

Removing the asbestos will cause the asbestos to become air born and effect the village. These asbestos particles can travel for miles.

Effects to our drinking water. The toxic gases from the waste fuse with the groundwater and produce leachate, i.e. a poisonous sludge that seeps into the ground and mixes with the water underneath. The contaminated water, will becomes a part of the water supplied in the area. Therefore, contaminated water supply is one of the significant downsides of residing near a landfill.

Contaminated air. Landfill sites emit poisonous gases such as Hydrogen Sulphide, which severely impacts respiratory organs and can cause lung cancer. Children are more at risk, with an 11 percent chance of being admitted to hospital for respiratory problems and a higher chance of 13 percent for asthma. Besides, dumping sites release many other toxins that contaminate water, air and soil.

Property valuations effects. Property near a landfill might witness lower Returns on Investment (ROI). Primarily, it is difficult to find a buyer, and secondly, a waste tip near the property acts as a growth deterrent. Typically, houses close to such sites witness limited demand and thereby limited price appreciation. Going by records, a landfill can depreciate the property price by 7 to 30 percent and may impact the property sale considerably.

The quarry should be left as it is, it's a haven for wildlife, such as deer, foxes, badgers, birds of prey, owls, sand martins, woodpekers and polecats. Just to name a few. It's good for dog walkers, and children to play there.

If Middleton Quarry gets opened up as a waste tip, we will all be effected by extra vehicles, like skip wagons, and tipper lorries, using Heck and Pollington lane as well as Pinfold lane. There will be an increase in vermin, fly's, smells, noise, dust, our drinking water will be

effected and property valuations reduced.

**Please show your support in putting a stop to the quarry been opened as a waste tip.**

Write a letter with your objections to:

*Alan Menzies  
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County Hall,  
Beverley,  
East Riding of Yorkshire.  
HU17 9BA*

[alan.menzies@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:alan.menzies@eastriding.gov.uk)

CC:

*Our Local councillor. (Who is offering her full support)*

*Caroline Fox  
10, The Crossings,  
Airmyn,  
Goole.  
DN14 8LE*

Email address : [councillor.fox@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.fox@eastriding.gov.uk)

Thank you in advance for your support, we don't want a waste tip in Pollington. Lets stick together and stop this before it's too late.

Please email me a copy of the objection letter you are sending, to East Riding council and Caroline Fox;

Mr Steven J Thorpe  
Latrigg,  
Pinfold Lane,  
Pollington.  
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### Two jailed for construction waste crimes

**19 May 14 Two Doncaster men have been jailed for running illegal waste dumping operations on an industrial scale, with construction waste being dumped including asbestos.**

They dumped nearly 200,000 tonnes of material on their sites, totally illegally.

The offences relate to dumping that occurred between 2008 and 2010 at Middleton Quarry, Pollington and then at Wroot Road, Doncaster.

Phillip Slingsby, aged 42, was sentenced to 12 months in prison, ordered to pay £20,000 towards prosecution costs and was disqualified as a director for six years. He was also subject to a £200,000 confiscation order. No separate penalties were imposed on his associated companies Slingsby Plant Hire Ltd and Slingsby Quarries Ltd as one of them has been dissolved and the other is in liquidation.

Robert Spencer, aged 63, was sentenced to nine months, suspended for two years and ordered to re-pay £20,000 from the proceeds of his crimes.

The Environment Agency, which brought the prosecution, said it was a complex investigation involving support from the Insolvency Service and its own in-house accredited financial investigators to secure orders under Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.

Prosecuting for the Environment Agency, Counsel Mr Christopher Stables told Hull Crown Court that between December 2008 and April 2009, officers from the Environment Agency visited Middleton Quarr in Pollington and watched tipping taking place on a large scale. The quarry had no permit for this and could not have got one because drinking water was abstracted from three nearby boreholes.

Following initial discussions with Mr Slingsby about concerns over the activities taking place, a surveillance operation took place. Officers

observed waste being tipped and levelled on an industrial scale. The waste comprised of wood, vegetation, plastics, asbestos sheeting and other non-inert waste. Sample testing results revealed the presence of chrysotile asbestos and asbestos fibres. The nature of the waste tipped posed a significant pollution risk to the nearby water sources.

In total 127,000 tonnes of waste were deposited at Middleton Quarry. Lawful disposal would have cost more than £440,000.

Mr Slingsby then moved his dumping operations to 36 Acre Field, Wroot Road, Doncaster, a site owned by Mr Robert Spencer. Between January 2009 and October 2009 Robert Spencer allowed Phillip Slingsby to tip thousands of tonnes of waste on his land when there was no environmental permit in force. Here too it is unlikely that a permit would ever have been granted due, the Environment Agency said, to the proximity of water sources, the potential risks posed to ground water and the lack of planning permission.

In September 2009, Environment Agency officers watched tipping taking place at Wroot Road. They told Mr Spencer that this tipping was illegal and should stop immediately. Further warnings were given and followed up in writing. Mr Spencer claimed that Phillip Slingsby was responsible for the deposit of the waste.

Further visits to the site revealed evidence that a large hole had been dug and filled with waste. The waste included brick, rubble, soil, plastics and green waste, metal, wood and tyres.

In October 2010 the Environment Agency raided the Wroot Road site. A series of 'trial pits' were dug at the site from which samples confirmed the presence of asbestos on site. Waste transfer notes and invoices seized suggested that the defendants made considerable financial gains from operating the site without the benefit of an environmental permit and handling the waste incorrectly.

In total around 72,000 tonnes of waste was deposited at Wroot Road.

In passing sentence, His Honour Judge Jack said that the defendants had "put the public at serious risk".

Speaking after the case, an Environment Agency officer in charge of the investigation said: "This was a large scale waste operation where the defendants allowed waste to be brought onto land without being permitted to do so. Illegal waste sites have the potential to cause serious pollution incidents or harm human health