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Concerns Regarding Accessibility, Safety, and Environmental Impact

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning application on the basis of several significant concerns relating to accessibility, safety, and the potential detrimental effects on the environment and local community. My objections are outlined below:

- **Loss of Unfettered Attractive Routes:** The proposal will result in the removal of all unfettered, appealing routes, severely diminishing public access and the variety of recreational choices available.
- **Impact on Popular and Inclusive Routes:** The affected paths are currently very popular with walkers, cyclists, and people with disabilities, including wheelchair users. Any reduction or limitation in these routes will exclude many from enjoying this vital community resource.
- **Year-Round Safety and Accessibility:** At present, users feel safe throughout the year. The proposed changes mean the area will no longer be accessible for all users year-round, due to adverse weather and a reduction in walking space, compromising both comfort and safety.
- **Narrower Pathways:** The reduction in pathway width will negatively affect the capacity and usability of these routes, especially during times of high use or for those requiring additional space for mobility aids.
- **Proximity to Heavy Vehicles:** The new layout proposes routes uncomfortably close to heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), dumpers, and similar machinery. This presents a dangerous environment and increases the risk of accidents.
- **Wildlife and Environmental Harm:** The development threatens to spoil the existing diversity of wildlife, undermining the area's ecological value and natural character.
- **Excessive Diversions:** The plan introduces excessive diversions around active quarry areas, which will disrupt the continuity and enjoyment of these routes for all users.

In summary, the proposed development would significantly diminish the accessibility, safety, and environmental integrity of a much-valued local area, affecting a broad spectrum of users and wildlife. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning authority to reject this application and consider alternative approaches that protect and enhance inclusive access, safety, and environmental conservation.

Yours faithfully,
Clare Simmons