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Dear Mr Duffy

### **Walleys Quarry, Newcastle under Lyme**

On 14<sup>th</sup> February Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council held a special meeting to consider the latest position on the foul odours emanating from the Walleys Quarry site, and to debate a motion concerning the next steps which the Council should take. This was the second special Council held on this matter, the first one being in March 2021 following a particular bad period of pollution from the site. It was not lost on members that almost three years had elapsed since that first meeting, and still this issue dominates so much of the work of the Council and remains a key issue of concern in the local community.

My purpose in writing to you today is to make you aware of the Council's position following that debate.

It will come as no surprise that the Council is exasperated with the ongoing situation and the associated annoyance and risk to health for local residents. It therefore resolved to support a call for the Environment Agency to use the powers available to it to issue a Closure Notice in order to bring forward resolution of the Walleys Quarry issue.

Additionally, arising from concern about the error in data collection from the Mobile Monitoring Facilities sited in the community around the quarry, Council resolved to call on the Environment Agency to publish immediately a full 365 days' air monitoring data set to examine the impact against the chronic-term health guidelines.

In addition to these specific actions for the Environment Agency the Council resolved to commission a public hearing on Walleys Quarry and its impacts on the community through its scrutiny committees and will, in due course, issue an invitation to the Agency to contribute to this.

I trust you will be able to give these matters due consideration and revert in due course

Yours sincerely

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