

Friday 17 May 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

### **Hamble Airfield Proposed Quarry – Decision**

As you may be aware on Wednesday the Hampshire County Council Regulatory Committee voted unanimously to reject the plans by Cemex to build a quarry 50 metres from the school site. This is an important decision for the future of The Hamble School and the local community.

We are writing to thank all students and parents/ carers for their hard work over the last 18 months to ensure that this proposal was rejected. Today our students have listened to a Virtual Assembly explaining what has happened and their important role in the final decision. We have also outlined how their work has linked to British Values and the wider curriculum.

When we conducted a Student Survey in January over 90% of students said they were concerned about the proposed quarry and the impacts on their health, safety and education. The Student Leadership Team have been instrumental in ensuring that our children's voices are heard – They have met with politicians, councillors, worked with the primary school, delivered the school's petition to Downing Street and spoken to the press during the site visit. We would like to thank them for their significant contributions and time, especially during their important GCSE year.

On Wednesday Oscar H in Year 11 spoke at the Regulatory Committee Meeting and Max B in Year 10 represented the school on the news. We would also like to thank the students who behaved so impeccably during the peaceful protests outside the school in April and on Wednesday in Winchester, as well as parents/ carers for allowing their children to take part. Over the last few days we have received many positive messages on social media and via email from the community. We are really proud of all of our students.

To repeat Oscar's quote: 'You wouldn't build a school next to a quarry. Why would you build a quarry next to a school?' We are so pleased that we can continue providing the very best education as the high performing, local school of choice, without the worry that this will be interrupted by a quarry.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Cambridge

Headteacher



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