There are three ways to object to the proposed quarries

* A89 quarry at Kings Lane, Stisted,
* A92 quarry off Doghouse Road, Pattiswick and
* A93 off Water Lane, Stisted site

The methods are

A. Online ECC form at: https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/planning/42a7d44e/consultation/

B. Email: mandwpolicy@essex.gov.uk

C. Post: Freepost RTKH-XUBZ-CJZS, Essex County Council, Minerals Planning Consultation, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH.

What to say if you wish to object…

I am a Stisted resident (insert your name and address and how long you have lived in Stisted) and I wish to strongly object to sites A89, A92 and A93 at Stisted becoming “preferred sites” for sand and gravel extraction for the following reasons:

1. DUST AND AIR POLLUTION: I am concerned about dust and particulate pollution. The A93 site sits below Stisted in the river valley to the south and about 50 homes are located within 250 metres of the site at Sarcel, Water Lane and Doghouse Road. Almost the entire village centre of Stisted is within 400 metres of A93. Depending on wind direction dust and particulates will land in and on residential properties. With the A120 to the south and the IWMF waste incinerator to the south-west, the cumulative effect of air pollution is already worrying and these proposed quarries would make air quality even worse. With hotter summers forecast due to climate change, it is not acceptable that nearby residents should be expected to live behind closed windows when ventilation will be key to health and wellbeing as British summers get hotter.

2. NOISE: Noise pollution will be a particular threat to the health and wellbeing of residential properties in Stisted, Coggeshall Road, and Pattiswick and Bradwell due to the proximity of the proposed quarrying activity. It is likely noise will be sufficiently disruptive to cause nearby residents to remain indoors/shut windows to reduce the nuisance and to wake them during the hours when they would normally be asleep.

3. WILDLIFE: The proposed quarries would negatively impact Priority habitats and species in the Blackwater River valley and Ancient trees and hedgerows. Several Ancient woodland sites are also in close proximity and would be negatively impacted.

4. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: Two Public Rights of Way cross A92 and A93. They are a valuable leisure amenity for local people – it is unacceptable that their ecology and wildlife should be sacrificed for commercial interests.

5. HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND LANDSCAPE: The rural setting of the All Saints Church and The Street with its famous chimney pots at Stisted needs to be preserved with its current characteristics. It is unacceptable to risk damage and disturbance to Heritage assets from the Medieval era. The landscape dates from Roman times and needs to be preserved.

6. LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL SENSITIVITY: The rural landscape from Bradwell to Stisted along Water Lane and from Braintree to Stisted along the A120 and Kings Lane would be severely damaged by A89 and A93. The landscape to the west of Doghouse Road would also be damaged by A92. The sand and gravel extraction would alter the shape of the landscape permanently. Quarrying here will result in damage to the network of public paths and views to and from Stisted and Bradwell. Now a pleasant tranquil agricultural setting, the quarries would destroy this and transform it into an industrial, noisy, dusty and polluting landscape.

7. WELLBEING - Access to green space is important for the wellbeing of many people. The type of green space is important – established woodland and hedgerows are associated with higher wellbeing benefits. The proposals will reduce the wellbeing benefits of tranquil views of and access to green space for Stisted villagers. The A93 area is used by the community as open space and its loss for a long period will have a negative effect on the wellbeing of the community.

8. TRANSPORT/ACCESS: The A120 is already overcapacity by at least 20%. The Kings Lane/ A120 junction is an accident blackspot. It would be unacceptable to add traffic from the proposed A89 quarry to Kings Lane. Kings Lane is very narrow and it is difficult for a car to pass a lorry (for example a council dust cart) without going onto the verge or almost into the hedge. Access for lorries from the A120 at Bradwell to A92 and A93 would also be unacceptable because several hundred lorries already access the haul road opposite; for Bradwell Quarry; the waste incinerator plant will add 400 lorry movements per day from 2026.

I urge Essex County Council’s planning officers to give my concerns great weight in your deliberations.

Thank You NAME & ADDRESS (MUST BE INCLUDED)