Appendix 5
List of points raised by (non-statutory) respondents

Air traffic (Aerodrome)

- Increased risk of bird strike
- Potential reduction in emergency landing sites

Archaeology

- Risk to archaeological assets

Cumulative impact

- Already suffer due to aerodrome, M25, motorists speeding on A412 all of which creates horrendous noise
- Cumulative impact with 200/300 people living in what is currently a field to support HS2 construction
- Local proposals for a new service station, a new school and a nationwide courier service depot
- With this project and the HS2 project we would be taken over and living in a very unwanted area
- There will be years of disruption, which is too much for one area and its community to endure
- Mineral extraction is already at a maximum in this area
- The area is turning into a complete disaster
- The local authorities should be talking to each other

Ecology and Wildlife

- Effect on local wildlife and plants from additional pollution
- Proposal would destroy the gorgeous scenery, peaceful atmosphere and flourishing wildlife
- Area currently has numerous birds
- Environmental impact on a SSSI
- Application is misleading to say that there is no significant wildlife

Economic

- Adverse impact on trade at the local hotel
- Businesses will suffer due to this development and the building of HS2
- Millions will be lost in wasted time due to flooding of A412 or due to traffic jams
- Hertfordshire County Council have got this application completely wrong. It is just not viable

Flooding

- Already had flooding from sewers, which respondent attributes to additional silt from mineral extraction
- Development will add to local flooding problems, including raw sewerage
- Lots of local drains are already blocked
- The restored lake will rise and flood the A412

- Previous poor experience of handling of flooding which included raw sewerage

Green Belt

- Inappropriate development
- Taking away the countryside
- Green Belt land is safeguarded
- Inspector found that processing plant was inappropriate in the Green Belt; it still is
- Residents in close proximity to site, and also in Green Belt are very restricted in what they can do to their properties
- Planning legislation in respect of Green Belt has not been consistently applied to residents as compared to this proposal
- No sane person could truly turn this beautiful location into that [Harefield Quarry] nightmare

Hazardous waste

- Development area includes hazardous waste
- Slurry washed from the gravel may also include asbestos
- Insufficient understanding of the location, volume and risk of asbestos
- Who will monitor it and put the residents' minds at rest?

Health

- Effect on local wildlife and plants from additional pollution
- Life threatening consequences to resident who is ill and disabled
- Concerned as resident's mother died from an asbestos related cancer
- Asthma may be a by-product of the resultant pollution
- Dangerous work site next to an area where children may run and play
- My son suffers from asthma
- Are you aware of the deaths and illnesses that the UK has suffered with over the years due to asbestos
- Isn't this just going to cost the NHS even more
- There are no guarantees that there will be no health issues for local residents during the extraction process

Highways

- Roads are already very busy, without lorries
- Big accident zone, notorious traffic black spot
- Roads cannot cope with additional lorries
- Roads are not big enough to cope leading to congestion
- Further congestion along with planned new school
- Lorries will try to use Tilehouse Lane
- A412 overloaded with lorries when there is an accident on the M25
- Volume of traffic has increased since the traffic surveys were carried out
- Increase in traffic will cause chaos and stress
- Traffic jams make it difficult for residents to access their homes
- Degradation of road surfaces

- Slow vehicles on incline towards Denham Green
- Bottlenecks at Denham Green and Maple Cross traffic lights
- Concern that any restrictions on Tilehouse Lane will be ignored
- Will make it difficult for residents who travel by car (for work, school)
- Road safety concerns in respect of local primary school
- Counted 600 vehicles on Old Uxbridge Road in one hour, on a route used by school children
- A412 has flooded in winter months; HGVs driving through floodwater is a hazard
- Mud from traffic movements will be a constant, unacceptable issue
- Drivers will use Tilehouse Lane as a short cut to avoid congestion
- If I miss the bus, I will have to take a one hour drive to Henley for school
- Recommend installation of barrier gates at Old Uxbridge Road that would allow only local residents through, especially during rush hour
- Private cars have been damaged by increase in traffic
- Rubbish is dropped or thrown from lorries
- The access road to Harefield is already overburdened

HS2

- Area already blighted by proposed rail route
- Application site is part of safeguarded area and HS2 Ltd concerned as to whether land will be restored in time (June 2015)
- Applicant is trying to lower their transport costs due to HS2 safeguarding process
- Applicant is reliant on HS2 and it has not been approved yet

Landscaping and visual impact

- Impact on views of the Colne Valley due to processing plant, parked lorries and floodlighting
- Poor first impression for visitors to the local hotel
- The Chilterns will be made into an industrial site
- Obtrusive development over 5 metres high
- Floodlit operation in the winter
- Machinery and work planned will ruin the Colne Valley Park for 10 years
- A scar on the landscape
- One of the few areas of natural beauty left in the south, particularly close to London
- Applicant will try to retain processing plant at Pynesfield on a permanent basis
- The plan is much improved by the removal of the processing plant from the site

Need

- Volume of gravel is not important in terms of the landbank
- How much gravel is really needed for HS2 construction
- There are other areas in Hertfordshire designated for gravel extraction

- Site would only contribute a two month supply of gravel
- Not justified under the National Planning Policy Framework

Pollution & Environmental Impact

- Noise from processing plant and HGV movements will disturb residents
- Dust and mud generated by the site
- Fumes
- Increased noise on an already busy road
- What risk assessments have been carried out?
- Dust already affects the lakes and the Grand Union Canal footpaths
- Where will air monitoring be carried out? It should be more frequent than 3 times a week
- What Emergency Plan is in place to protect against risks
- We simply do not believe the noise figures
- There should be an independent noise survey of Harefield Quarry to predict the levels that would occur at Pynesfield
- All claims of keeping dust levels down are hogwash
- Inappropriate to extend the operation of already problematic works on [the Moorhall Road] site
- Bunds will not provide a suitable noise reduction
- Revised application does not allow for any improvement

Recreation

- Concern at impact on Rickmansworth Sailing Club; level and quality of the water
- Colne Valley Regional Park is used for walking, cycling, rambling, sailing, canoeing, dog-walking, horse-riding by many people
- A processing plant would certainly put paid to recreational activity

Regulation

- Applicant does not follow planning restrictions at Harefield Quarry
- Will anyone be monitoring this [the development]?
- Unlikely that Hillingdon Council will renew the existing licence at Moorhall Road
- Applicant should apply to Buckinghamshire County Council to have a processing plant at Denham Park Farm instead
- Aftercare should be monitored by an independent body

Residential Amenity

- Quality of life will suffer
- Children will be affected by pollution when playing in the garden
- Peace will be shattered
- Other sites nationally could be mined with little or no impact on communities
- A massive inconvenience for all the locals
- Untold and intolerable disturbance for residents
- Want to raise children in a cleaner and safer environment

- Residents will become isolated due to this development and the building of HS2
- Will be a considerable impact from constant noise and bright lights
- Didn't move to the area to have a gravel plant a few yards down the road
- A relatively quiet and peaceful corner of the County and it would cease to be so
- Traffic noise has worsened over the past 8 years; woken by it
- What will the hours of operation be?
- People have stressful lives now anyway, will we be able to sleep?
- Noise will be 24/7 to meet the reduced deadlines in time for HS2
- Will make our lives a living hell
- We will lose our Human Rights of living in peace and tranquillity
- Moved here in 1970 to get away from the noise and congestion of inner London
- I will personally sue the council for light pollution
- Myself and neighbours feel under siege by the constant threat to our way of life

Restoration

- Same operator has not found suitable sand and gravel at Denham Park Farm
- Processing plant may not be dismantled if HS2 is delayed or cancelled

Water

- Risk to aquifer
- Contamination of the water supply
- There is no guarantee that any operation will not impact the water table
- Any impact on the quality of drinking water is not acceptable
- Nothing in the resubmission fundamentally changes matters of safety
- The water is so pure it is commercially extracted and even sold in California
- We can live without additional gravel, we can't live without water

Other (non-material considerations)

- Will have no option but to sell our property
- Money is more important than protecting the countryside
- Application makes a mockery of planning decision making process
- All a 'done deal'; Tilehouse Lane improvements were done without consent
- Little time to respond to consultation
- Proposal is of no benefit to the taxpayer
- Inappropriate use of taxpayers money
- Failure to include Buckinghamshire residents in consultation process
- Devaluation of homes
- Application has already been turned down and that should be the end of it

- HCC did not communicate effectively with residents about previous sewerage flooding incidents
- Previous objections were justified, as shown by the appeal decision
- Operator will want to transfer Harefield Quarry activities to Pynesfield
- The extraction site is actually in Buckinghamshire, did they even consult Hertfordshire
- Compensation should be paid to residents should any flooding occur
- Unfair that a commercial enterprise will make profits whilst local residents are going to suffer
- Only 13 residents were notified of the application
- Concern that timescales are unachievable and this is a ploy to increase compensation from HS2
- Homes will become far more un-saleable
- The council should think about buying up houses in Tilehouse Lane
- Want to check that full planning permission has been granted for the highway improvements
- How many more times will I have to raise my objections to this development?