

LETTERS AND COMMENT

■ QUARRYING

Gravel defence was arrogant

I have never read such an arrogant diatribe as that penned by your anonymous letter writer in last week's *Recorder* in defence of gravel extraction in residential areas.

My own interest in the subject is minimal but I am sure that Alison Green's concerns were very real and certainly did not deserve that kind of vitriolic response.

The writer's philosophy is clearly that, in the pursuit of progress, nobody is entitled to a quiet life. "Sometimes," he opined, "we have to make huge sacrifices in order to survive". I wonder how many huge sacrifices he has made recently for the common good?

I would like to ask him (a) has he a financial interest in the process? (b) why does he wish to remain anonymous? and (c) how close does he live to a gravel extraction site? I don't think we would be surprised by the answers.

As for the gravel diggers, does our anonymous friend really consider that the upheaval and chaos they create is done out of the

kindness of their hearts and for the benefit of the country? Of course it isn't. It's done for one reason only; for the benefit of their bank balance!

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