

Barton in Fabis Parish Council



STOP THE QUARRY – SAVE BARTON IN FABIS!

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

Thank you to all who came along to the Village Open Meeting. We had a great attendance and a massive majority who voted overwhelmingly to oppose the plans for the quarry – we can win this battle, but only if we **all** make our views known to the County Council. **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!**

A reminder of what the quarry will mean:

- **Destroying an area of 79 hectares (200 acres) of open countryside** and agricultural land and the largest area of open space we have at Barton
- Removal of 3 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a period of over **13 years (2017 to 2030) * – with operations starting as early as 2015**
- **Heavy earth moving and quarry operations** and 60 x 28 ton lorry movements ** per day **generating obvious noise and dust**
- **Operating 5 or 6 days a week 12 hours a day (7am to 7pm)**** only 45 metres away from the edge of the village with the safety risk from quarry workings and deep water to village children
- **Flood risk** which the Council's own appraisal has identified as "very negative" * – a real impact when you renew your house insurance!
- Devastating **impact on our quality of life and village environment**
- **Financial loss** in terms of the value of houses and making it very difficult to sell a house in Barton
- Huge **impact on the environment and an historic landscape**
- It is worth noting that the plans are **not** to restore the land to its current state, but to create "wet grassland, marsh and swamp" ** which is likely to take 10 years to establish, meaning that the area will be unusable for up to 25 years

Sources:

* Nottinghamshire County Council Sustainability Appraisal (May 2014)

** Strategic Transport Assessment (URS) for NCC (April 2014)

*** NCC Minerals Local Plan Consultation (May 2014)

What can we do?

It's essential that as many of us as possible **respond to the current consultation – no later than 11th July**

Remember:

- **Everybody in your family can send a response**
- **Please encourage friends and wider family to send a response**

How do I make my views known?

Email: **development.planning@nottscc.gov.uk**

(use the official response form – available at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals under 'Current Consultation').

If you can, send a copy to Councillors on the Environment and Sustainability Committee:

- Cllr.richard.butler@nottscc.gov.uk
- Cllr.steve.calvert@nottscc.gov.uk
- Cllr.jim.creamer@nottscc.gov.uk
- Cllr.stan.hepinstall@nottscc.gov.uk
- Cllr.roger.jackson@nottscc.gov.uk
- Cllr.bruce.laughton@nottscc.gov.uk

- Cllr.pamela.skelding@nottsc.gov.uk
- Cllr.parry.tsimbiridis@nottsc.gov.uk
- Cllr.john.wilkinson@nottsc.gov.uk

Write to: Planning Policy Team
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7QP

(or fill in a paper copy of the official response form (two are attached to this newsletter) – download one as above - further copies are also available from Parish Councillors)

NB Very important (or your response will not count). You must include:

1. Your **full name and address (and phone number / email – not compulsory)**
2. State that you **Object to Policy MP2 site MP2q (PA46) Barton in Fabis** and state that **this site should be removed from the Minerals Local Plan**
3. That you have **not responded on this issue before**
4. **Sign and date** the form

What can I say?

- **Generation of noise and dust** (effect on quality of life, impossible to mitigate / 12 hours a day)
- **Flood risk** (Council Sustainability Appraisal has identified flood risk as “very negative” but full assessment not undertaken)
- **Environmental / historical site damage** (effect on Attenborough Nature Reserve, SSSI - Site of Special Scientific Interest and SINC's - Sites of Nature Conservation (area rich in history and archaeology lost forever)
- **The effect on the village environment** (impact on the environment and setting of village)
- **Loss of important leisure area** (walking / diversion of footpath / fishing/ horse riding / dog walking)
- **Loss of agricultural land** (additional costs from importing food / climate change)
- **Safety issues** (deep water ponds a risk to children)
- **Financial loss** (planning blight / house price loss)
- **What it means to you and your household personally**

We have attached a sample form which shows what goes where and a couple of blank forms to complete.

Please note:

It would be great if as many people as possible contacted our MP Ken Clarke:

email: clarkek@parliament.uk
write to: Kenneth Clarke QC MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

A website - www.barton-in-fabis.net - now has copies of the full presentation from the Open Meeting and other useful documents. If you have suggestions for the website and/or items for inclusion please email: m.king@barton-in-fabis.net.

Share and Like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/bartonagainstsandandgravel

SITE VISITS

If you haven't already visited the site and would like to do so Bill Harrison will be conducting guided walks around the area on: Sunday, 15 June at 2.00 pm and Thursday, 26 June at 7.00 pm (meet at the red phone

box both dates). All welcome, please come along to see how massive the site is, where the boundaries are, how beautiful the landscape is and how the gravel extraction will impact on the area.

CAMPAIGN GROUP UPDATE

Following on from last week's open meeting where we asked for volunteers to become involved in forming a campaign group, we have been overwhelmed by the response, not only from residents but non-residents alike.

A very successful first meeting of the campaign group was held on 4 June when five sub-groups were formed: Technical & Flooding, Media, Political, Local Environment & Biodiversity, Parish Council. Groups were tasked with producing action plans which would include (to name but a few) producing publicity materials, contacting local/national media, local/national groups, MPs, government departments, carrying out research work etc, and generally spread the word far and wide. Groups will meet on a weekly basis and feedback to the Parish Council who will be responsible for overseeing and collating all the information gathered which will be used in the submission response to Nottinghamshire County Council for Barton in Fabis to be removed from the Local Minerals Plan.

If you were unable to attend the above meeting but would still like to become involved please contact a Parish Councillor. Once the publicity material is ready for distribution we will be contacting those of you who volunteered to leaflet drop.

A reminder of the proposed site:

