

# Barton in Fabis Parish Council

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MARCH 2017

## Sand and Gravel – Barton Site The next battle begins!

### PUBLIC 'CONSULTATION' EXHIBITION

16<sup>th</sup> March 3pm – 7.30pm

BARTON VILLAGE HALL

You will probably have received a communication from Greenfield Associates confirming that London Rock have paid Jack Kent and associates for the rights to develop and operate a proposed new sand and gravel quarry at Mill Hill and Barton in Fabis.

As you will have read in previous newsletters, we anticipated that those behind the quarry would still 'follow the money' despite the very clear opposition of the village and surrounding areas to these plans.

**PLEASE NOTE: The latest proposal does NOT mean that planning permission has been granted or that the site will go ahead. As previously reported the current draft of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan which is due to be examined at a public inquiry in March does NOT include a site at Barton.**

The County Council has stated that they:

"Can confirm that the plan (*Minerals Local Plan*) has been prepared as robustly as possible and officers will be defending the plan, its policies, and its allocations (*excluding Barton*) at the forthcoming examination."

**However, we would ask that as many villagers as possible attend the exhibition** and make your views on the quarry known to London Rock / Greenfield Associates. Our experience with the Clifton Pastures housing development was that boycotting these 'consultation' events allowed the developer to 'spin' a claim that local people did not object to the scheme.

The Parish Council / SAVE would like to contradict misleading statements ('fake news'?) in the letter from Greenfield Associates / London Rock:

*"processed minerals from the proposed quarry could be efficiently, cost effectively and sustainably transported to where they are most needed"*

#### **PC response:**

72% of the aggregate planned to be extracted across Nottinghamshire is destined for areas such as Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. It would of course make no sense to supply that from a site at Barton in the south of the County by road to the North and West. The site proposed at Shelford provides more than enough material for the Nottingham market and 40% of its output would be travel by barge providing a far more 'sustainable' method of transport

*"Demand for aggregates and concrete is rapidly increasing in and around Nottingham because of the significant level of planned commercial and residential developments in Rushcliffe. These include Clifton Pastures (directly opposite the proposed new quarry), the Edwalton and Gamston and Clifton West housing*

schemes and major infrastructure projects like HS2 and the Rail Hub project between East Midlands Airport and the M1”.

**PC response:**

This is misleading and dramatically overstates any supposed justification. The potential site at Clifton South (Barton in Fabis) has not even received outline planning permission and is currently expected to be delayed by up to 3 years. It would account for only 1 year’s output from the Barton quarry and could easily be supplied from existing quarries e.g. East Leake. Other sites in Rushcliffe have also not got off the ground and are at least as close or closer to quarry sites in the County Council’s plan. The Rail Hub project is best served by sites in Leicestershire and HS2 is many years from starting (if at all) and is unlikely to require much aggregate of the type produced by the Barton quarry. Major projects such as these also use large amounts of recycled aggregates.

*“Public amenity would be protected – and in some cases enhanced – by a wide range of proven environmental protection measures. The proposed processing facility...would be neither visible nor audible to local residents”*

**PC response:**

The village would lose access to much of the area with the closure / diversion of footpaths & bridleways for around 10 years. The site would not be restored to an acceptable condition for around 15-20 years and even then would bear no resemblance to what is there now.

It cannot be proved, as stated, that the processing plant would be inaudible in Barton, and would certainly be highly visible and audible to anyone using Attenborough Nature Reserve, Clifton and Brands Hill woods and to residents in Clifton and Clifton Village.

The Phase 2 development they have chosen to illustrate in their plans is at best 150m away from residences at the end of Chestnut Lane and hence it is quite absurd to suggest this will not have any visual or audible detriment to the lives of residents.

The County Council assessed this site as the 3<sup>rd</sup> most environmentally damaging of all the proposed sites and this was a key reason why it is not part of the draft Minerals Local Plan.

*“proposed development... would also provide the opportunity to complement the existing quarry restoration at Attenborough”*

**PC response:**

Any restoration would take 15-20 years, with the destruction of the existing habitats in the meantime and impacts on several Sites of Important Nature Conservation and two SSSI’s. At present, the site provides a different environment to Attenborough and truly complementary feeding grounds for birds – this would almost entirely be lost in the proposed restoration.

**Please note:**

Very many people, not just in Barton, objected to the original plan for a Barton quarry – they may not have heard about the ‘consultation’ exhibition. **Please spread the word!** A copy of the letter and plans from London Rock can be found on the Parish Council website: bartoninfabisp.org.uk or SAVE: barton-in-fabis.net

**PLEASE ATTEND THE ‘CONSULTATION’ EXHIBITION ON MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN**

**If you are not able to attend the event, then you can still email Greenfield Associates at: [simon.rees@greenfield-associates.co.uk](mailto:simon.rees@greenfield-associates.co.uk) and let them know what you think of them and their plans!**

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