

To:

Development Management
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7QP

Reference: ES/3712 Proposed sand and gravel quarry – land off green Street / Barton in Fabis

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to confirm that I wish to **OBJECT** to the above application on the grounds that there is no current requirement for additional quarry sites and the adverse environmental impact of this proposal.

The County Council has stated that the current 'landbank' for sand and gravel exceeds government targets.

Building projects claimed to justify this application are either not due start for several years or are better supplied by existing or potential quarries nearer to those sites.

The County Council is preparing a new Minerals local Plan which will involve recalculating future demand and independently comparing all potential sites together. This application seeks to get around this process.

The County Council's own assessment of the sustainability and environmental impact of this site resulted in its rejection and exclusion from the previous draft Minerals Local Plan.

The site would result in a major impact on two SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) Attenborough Nature Reserve and Holme Pit which are close to the site and on five SINC's (Sites of Important Nature Conservation) one of which will be destroyed altogether..

The site is close to heavily populated areas which would be impacted by noise and dust.

There would be a major impact on the quality of life and visual amenity of local people, as well as the loss of peace and tranquillity in an area used extensively by a wider community for walking, fishing, horse riding, bird watching and other leisure pursuits. The loss of a significant area of countryside on the edge of a large city such as Nottingham damages the recreational opportunities that are increasingly important for the health and well-being of city dwellers.

Yours sincerely,