

# Barton in Fabis Parish Council

September 2018  
AND

**S A V E !**  
Save the Ancient Valley Environment



## **STOP THE QUARRY**

Thank you to all those who attended a packed Village Open Meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September and unanimously voted to **OBJECT** to the proposed quarry at Barton / Mill Hill as part of the County Council's Draft Minerals Local Plan

### **Why is the Barton site in the Draft Minerals Local Plan ?**

At the meeting we explained that the County Council has recently produced a new Draft Minerals Local Plan which includes the site at Barton / Mill Hill and is consulting with local residents.

The Barton site has been included despite the fact that it is the most damaging according to the Council's own 'Sustainability Assessment' in terms of its impact on the environment and landscape and that they have previously rejected it on that same basis.

The County Council have proposed the inclusion of the Barton site instead of Shelford which was in the previous plan (and which is in the ward of the Council Leader Kay Cutts).

This is also despite the fact that the Council have stated that they wish to "Prioritise sites with sustainable transport" – this would include Shelford where 40% of material is planned to go via barge (something not possible at Barton).

The Council also state that part of the rationale for the Barton site is to "maintain a spread of geographical sites" – this is a new criteria which they have not used before and is being

used to override the Sustainability Assessment and allow the most environmentally damaging sites to be included.

It is also being used despite their admission that “there is no published data related to the geographical spread” and despite the Council’s statement in relation to their earlier Issues and Options consultation that “Generally, respondents felt that prioritising geographic areas above others would not be appropriate, instead each site should be judged on its own merits”

The full presentation made at the Open Meeting can be seen at [barton-in-fabis.net](http://barton-in-fabis.net) or on facebook Barton in Fabis Against Sand and Gravel

### **Why should we care?**

- Dust from heavy excavation machinery. 114 lorry movements per day
- Noise from operations 7am – 6pm 6 days per week. De-watering pumps operating 24/7
- 79 hectares (200 acres) of wildlife habitats / agricultural land in the Green Belt lost for up to 25 years
- Impact on Attenborough Nature Reserve and Holme Pit SSSIs and 5 local Wildlife Sites
- Loss of important leisure area for village and surrounding areas; area used for walking / fishing / horse riding / bird watching / photography
- Impact on wildlife 24 Red and 22 Amber listed species
- Impact on historic landscape and Ancient Woodlands at Brandshill / Clifton Woods
- Quarry will open door to other ‘extensions’ e.g. Thrumpton landfill site / Redhill

## **WE ARE NOW ASKING EVERYBODY TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE AND SEND IN YOUR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSALS!**

**PLEASE NOTE: OBJECTIONS MADE PREVIOUSLY DO NOT COUNT- SO IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN BEFORE PLEASE WRITE AGAIN!**

**There are several ways to have your say:**

**Very important (or your response will not count), whatever method you choose (including email) you **MUST STATE:****

- 1) Your **full name and address with postcode**
- 2) You **OBJECT to Policy MP2 Sand and Gravel Provision and inclusion of site ‘MP2s Mill Hill nr Barton in Fabis’**

**Online: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals)**

**Email: [planning.policy@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nottscc.gov.uk)**

**Write to:**

**Planning Policy Team**

**Place Department**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

**County Hall**

**West Bridgford**

**Nottingham NG2 7QP**



**A standard letter is attached – just add your full name, full address and postcode top right and sign and date the letter. Please add in your own words at the bottom or use this as a basis for your response.**

**PLEASE NOTE: A letter you have written yourself (please see ‘What can I say?’ below) can be far more effective!**

**Don’t forget:**

- **Everybody** in your house can send in a response
- **Friends and family anywhere** can also send in a response

**What can I say? (some or all of these!)**

**Points underlined are the most important!**

- **Environmental damage**
  - Barton / Mill Hill site evaluated as 3<sup>rd</sup> most environmentally damaging site of all those proposed in the county by County Council’s own Sustainability Assessment
  - Negative effect on Attenborough Nature Reserve SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) which runs along the edge of the site (less than 100m away) and Holme Pit SSSI. Site contains 5 SINC’s (Sites of Important Nature Conservation)
  - Natural England, RSPB, CPRE, Ramblers Association and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust have already objected to a planning application for this site
  - Evidence that this site is rich in bird life and other species. 24 red and 22 amber listed bird species use the area for feeding and breeding
  - Corn Buntings and Barn Owls breed here. Grass snakes, harvest mice also present
- **Landscape damage**
  - The site is in the Green Belt
  - Brandshill and Clifton Woods have been designated as Ancient Woodland which have special protection under the National Planning Policy Framework
- **Geographical spread / minerals planning**
  - Council have stated “there is no published data related to the geographical spread” and so their analysis and proposal is therefore flawed
  - Arguments about Geographical Spread should NOT be used to justify allocating the most environmentally damaging sites
  - There has been no projections for sand and gravel demand in the different submarket areas. County Council comment that Shelford or Coddington sites are too big cannot be justified
- **What it means to you and your household personally**
  - Personal examples often have the most impact
- **Effect on the village and personal environment**

- Generation of noise and dust from quarry operations
- Effect on quality of life, and on what is technically called 'visual amenity'. Impossible to mitigate effect of operations 11 hours a day
- **Loss of important leisure area**
  - Site not fully restored and established for up to 25 years
  - Loss of peace and tranquillity; area used for walking / fishing / horse riding / bird watching / photography
- **Impact on local economy**
  - Bridleways / footpaths cross the site and would be diverted / closed. Impact on local businesses from reduction in passing trade from walkers, cyclists, horse riders
- **Historical site damage**
  - Area rich in history with remains from Roman period, Iron and bronze age documented in the area
  - Ridge and furrow field pattern from middle ages
  - Adverse impact on Clifton Hall and Clifton Village Conservation Area
- **Loss of agricultural land**
  - Additional costs from importing food / climate change
  - Plans to restore site mainly to marshland and standing water
  - Effect on grazing land especially on the respiratory health of horses
- **Flood risk**
  - Already a flood risk area and can be difficult to get insurance
- **Safety issues**
  - Deep water ponds a risk to children
  - Plant and machinery close to bridleway and footpath
- **Financial loss**
  - Planning blight / house price loss
- **Sustainable transport**
  - Council has failed to follow its own policy aim to "Prioritise sites with potential for transporting sand and gravel by river barge" by not selecting Shelford where 40% of minerals would be transported by barge

**DON'T DELAY WRITE TODAY!**

**RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**