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PLEASE READ THIS

Have you just come along the Bridlepath from Clifton and enjoyed the tranquil surrounding area? Did you know there are plans to dig up all you have enjoyed to excavate sand and gravel?

A new allocation for the green field site located to the east of Barton in Fabis has been planned for sand and gravel extraction, with the allocation expected to be in operation next year. The site has an estimated life of 15 years and an output of 200,000 tonnes every year and would not be fully restored and established for up to 25 years

This proposal would devastate 79 hectares (200 acres) of prime wildlife habitat and could adversely affect Attenborough Nature Reserve.

The site hosts a numbers of resident red listed bird species that are of high conservation concern- Grey Partridge, Lesser-spotted Woodpecker, Skylark, Song Thrush, Marsh Tit, Starling, Linnet, Reed Bunting and many more farmland species that continue to be of urgent Conservation priority.

Nottinghamshire County Council have earmarked the whole area between Barton Floodbank to the south and the city boundary to the north, and from the river to the west to Brandshill Woods in the east as prime land for gravel excavation. Extraction will involve huge and heavy machinery removing all the soil layers to reach the gravel. It will be an extremely noisy and dusty operation and lorries will be operating on the site 6 days a week from 7am-6pm. Can you imagine the impact this will have on this beautiful landscape, not to mention all the species which depend on it, along with the disturbance to Attenborough Nature Reserve?

Please write now as this consultation, which is already in progress, is the only chance you have to get your voice heard. **The closing date is 9th of October.**

Notts County Council have stated that the number of opposition responses will help them determine whether or not the proposal should go ahead, so please alert anyone you know about this impending destruction and ask them to write as well. You can comment online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=ES/3712> Just click where it says '[Click here to comment on this application](#)' and the plans can be viewed at this link as well. **Please take one of the leaflets below which explains how to access this page and alternative ways to object.** Information can also be find on Facebook – search for 'Barton in Fabis Against Sand and Gravel' or at Barton-in-Fabis.net.

If there is not sufficient opposition, the site will be put into the minerals plan and then we have little chance of preventing it going ahead.

***IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE*: IF YOU WROTE AGAINST THE PROPOSAL IN 2014 WE URGE YOU TO WRITE AGAIN AS YOUR PREVIOUS RESPONSES WILL NOT BE COUNTED**