

# **STOP THE QUARRY – SAVE THE ANCIENT VALLEY!**

## **Background**

The County Council prepared a draft Minerals Local Plan which was due to go to an Examination in Public before a Government Inspector earlier this year. The quarry site at Barton / Mill Hill was one of the sites considered but was **NOT INCLUDED** in the draft plan.

Following the County Council elections and a new administration taking over, the draft plan was **WITHDRAWN** and Council staff were instructed to a) re-evaluate the quantity of sand and gravel required in the County b) review the number of sites required

The proposers of the Barton / Mill Hill site have however submitted a planning application for the site ahead of this process in an attempt to get planning permission while no Minerals Local Plan exists

**We believe that we must do everything we can to stop this application and allow a properly considered new Minerals Local Plan to come forward.**

**The number of comments (over 1,000) submitted earlier proved absolutely crucial in the County Council's decision not to include the Barton site! Please write again if you did last time as your previous response will not be counted!**

## **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 site ES/3712 Proposed sand and gravel quarry – land off Green Street / Barton in Fabis**

## **Email:**

Development.management@nottscc.gov.uk

## **Write to:**

Development Management, 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 NOTE: A letter you have written yourself (please see 'What can I say?' below) can be far more effective!**

## **Complete the online response form on the Nottinghamshire County Council website:**

### **How to access:**

Follow the process below or simply go to the SAVE campaign website [barton-in-fabis.net](http://barton-in-fabis.net) where there is a direct link to the comment section

- Search for Nottinghamshire.gov.uk
- Click 'Browse our website' (in green)
- Click on 'Planning and environment'
- Click on 'Planning applications'
- Click on 'View and comment on planning applications'
- Scroll down to 'How to Comment'
- Click on 'Applications open for public consultation'
- Scroll down to ES/3712 and click
- Click on 'Click here to comment'
- Add your comment

### **Please note:**

You are limited to 2,000 characters, but can attach a further document if you wish to say more

### **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!**

**N.B. This point is particularly important to include**

**No current justification for the site / proposal should be evaluated as part of a new Minerals Local Plan (MLP)**

- County Council state gravel landbank currently exceeds government targets
- Building projects used to use justify this application are either not due to start for several years or are better supplied by quarries nearer to those sites
- County Council is preparing a new MLP which involves calculating future demand and independently comparing all potential. This application seeks to get around the proper process.
- The County Council has already rejected this site as part of the previous draft of the MLP for environmental and other reasons

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**Environmental damage**

- Barton site evaluated as 3<sup>rd</sup> most environmentally damaging site of all those proposed in the county by County Council's independent Sustainability Assessment
- 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 SINCs (Sites of Important For Nature Conservation)
- 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
- Grass snakes, harvest mice present along with other species of conservation concern

**What it means to you personally**

- Personal examples often have the most impact

**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 – particularly as the site will be operating 11 hours a day, 6 days a week!
- Bridleways / footpaths cross the site and would be diverted / closed or severely impacted upon.

**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

**Safety issues**

- Deep water ponds a risk to children
- Plant and machinery close to bridleway and footpath

**DON'T DELAY WRITE TODAY!**  
**RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**OCTOBER**

**More information can be found on our Facebook – search for 'Barton in Fabis Against Sand And Gravel' or at [Barton-in-Fabis.net](http://Barton-in-Fabis.net)**

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 SINCs (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,