

Thank you very much for visiting this page and showing interest in the SAVE campaign.

The most important thing to write about is how gravel extraction in this area will affect you, personally. Here are some comments you may find helpful when writing your objection if you care about wildlife and the environment.

When writing the letter, you must include reference to Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Ref ES/3712 and PLEASE NOTE: Whichever method you choose (including email) you MUST INCLUDE your full name and address with postcode or your response will not count

1. Email: development.management@nottscc.gov.uk
2. Write to: Nottinghamshire County Council, Development Management Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

Remember: Everyone in your household can send in a response as well as friends and relatives, wherever they live but please ensure your letters differ within your household

Send a copy to all the Councillors on the Planning Committee if you can.

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If you enjoy watching wildlife as you use the bridleway and footpath between Barton In Fabis and Clifton, or the one alongside the River at Attenborough, your experience will be dramatically changed by this proposal. The implications on wildlife and the environment, if the

application were to go ahead, will be devastating. Therefore, anyone concerned about protecting nature, we would please urge you join Nottinghamshire Wildlife trust in objecting to this proposal.

Gravel extraction will take place 70 m away from Attenborough Nature Reserve. The site will be right next to Brandshill Wood (Ancient Woodland). The footpath through the fields from Clifton to Barton in Fabis will disappear for the duration of the quarry.

The peace and tranquillity will be nonexistent as the noise of the Quarry will be heard from all of these Public Rights of Way.

The birds and mammals you love to see and care about will be disturbed by the noise generated and destruction of habitats they use to feed and breed. Many rare and endangered species have been found in this area, and you may well have seen them too. These include Bats, Barn Owls, Otter, Harvest Mice, Toad and Grass Snake to name a few. The application site is of County Level Importance for wintering birds.



The proximity of the application site to Attenborough nature (A Site of Special Scientific Interest) means the quarry would also affect Birds which use the nature reserve and make it a special place. These birds often use the application site to feed as the site provides different types of habitat which are not present within the reserve. This is one of the reasons why Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has objected to this site in the past.

The County Council's own Sustainability Assessment evaluated the Barton site as the most environmentally damaging of many options considered.

The application site also contains 5 local wildlife sites which will be adversely affected by the gravel extraction. The applicant has failed to provide sufficient information on how these sites will be protected during the extraction phase, and how they will be enhanced in the future. Additionally, there are 4 more local wildlife sites, which are adjacent to the application site, two of which are designated ancient woodlands and would consequently be affected too.

The site contains a diverse range of habitats including riverbank, river meadows, Floodplain Grazing Marsh and scrub. These types of habitat are in significant decline in this country, and much has already been lost through changes in farming and other development. Therefore, this makes the habitat in the valley even more important.

The quarry also poses a threat to nearby Holme Pit SSSI. Contaminated water from the extraction site is likely drain into Holme Pit Pond during periods of flooding, therefore affecting its water quality.

It is also worth noting the current application still fails to meet the sustainability criteria set out in planning frameworks. Why an application should be given permission if it can't meet government criteria for development you might wonder.



The valley is one of the very few wildlife habitats left in this area. The nearby developments of Fairham Pastures and Clifton Woods are already leading to a loss of areas in which wildlife can thrive. You may feel this makes it even more important for this site to be protected.

You may hope that in the long term the restoration of the site following extraction may bring benefits to Wildlife. However, this is not the case. The restoration scheme put forward by the applicant does not properly explain how they will ensure gains to wildlife and the environment are delivered.

There is insufficient information provided on how existing important wildlife habitat will be protected or enhanced. It is also useful to note the developer has not had previous experience of restoring wildlife habitat. Therefore can we be guaranteed a restoration for the greater good of wildlife will be achieved?

