

28th March 2024



Dear Friends,

Thank you to everybody who attended the Open Meeting on 27th March. For those who could not, it was really well attended. However, the important work starts now and we would ask every resident, their family and friends to have their say and **OBJECT** to the Planning Application. **PLEASE ACT NOW!**

**LETTERS / EMAILS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
APRIL 18th**

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION

1) Email: development.management@nottscc.gov.uk

Or

2) Write to:
Nottinghamshire County Council
Development Management Team
County Hall
Loughborough Road
West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QP

YOU MUST:

State you **OBJECT to Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Ref ES/4621**

Include your full name and address with postcode or your response will not count

Please also send a copy to all the Councillors on the Planning Committee:

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cldr.robert.corden@nottscc.gov.uk
cldr.sybil.fielding@nottscc.gov.uk
cldr.rachel.madden2@nottscc.gov.uk
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For those within Nottingham City also email:

planningcomments@nottingham.gov.uk and quote 24/00242/PMFUL3

Don't forget:

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

A 'model' letter is attached – you can add your full name, full address and postcode top right and sign and date the letter or you can download one of our templates on the savecampaign.net website. These are provided to help give you a basis and a place to start – thank you.

BUT PLEASE ADD IN YOUR OWN WORDS to tailor your objection to be personal to you - a letter you have written yourself is far more effective!

PLEASE DO NOT JUST COPY THE LETTER WITHOUT ADDING YOUR OWN WORDS AS WELL (last time the Council and developer were able to claim that many letters were just 'template letters' which undermined our case).

For Barton residents, save a stamp: If you wish, you can drop your letters in to any Parish Councillor (Bill Harrison, Allan Kerr, Julian Coles, Liz Mossop, Diane Harrison) and they will ensure they are delivered.

What can I say? (feel free to use some or all of these!)

Points underlined are the most important!

- **Environmental damage**
 - Damage to 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 LWSs (Local Wildlife Sites)
 - Natural England, RSPB, CPRE, Ramblers Association and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust have previously objected to a planning application for this site
 - Evidence that this site is rich in bird life and other species. Large numbers of red and 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

- **What it means to you and your household personally**
 - Personal examples often have the most impact
- **Effect on the local residents, villages and personal environment**
 - Generation of noise and dust from quarry operations
 - Effect on quality of life. Impossible to mitigate effect of operations 11 hours a day
- **Loss of important leisure area**
 - Site will not be fully restored and established for up to 25 years and will be changed forever
 - 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. Analysis of potential incomplete.
 - Ridge and furrow field pattern from the middle ages close to site
 - 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 not farmland
- **Flood risk**
 - Already a flood risk area. Run off in to local SSSIs and river will cause pollution.
- **Safety issues**
 - Deep water ponds a risk to children
 - Plant and machinery close to bridleway and footpath

You can find details of lots of points & sample letters here:

www.savecampaign.net

And you can follow us on facebook at [campaign2SAVE](https://www.facebook.com/campaign2SAVE)



SAMPLE LETTER

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

Add your name
Address
And POSTCODE

Reference: ES/4621 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.

The proposal for a quarry at Barton / Mill Hill first arose in 2014. **This is a key issue for local people** with 26,000 people living within 1.5km of this site who would lose access to the peaceful countryside on their doorstep for up to 20 years and result in the permanent change to the landscape.

Nottinghamshire already holds 15.2 years of available reserves of sand and gravel (Nottinghamshire Local Aggregates Assessment 2023) against the Government target of 7 years and there is therefore no overriding need for a new quarry.

The quarry and processing plant would have a major impact on the air quality in a heavily populated area including the new Fairham Pastures development and Lark Hill Retirement Village only 250m from the processing site where c40% of residents already have breathing difficulties.

Quarry operations would also generate 29,000 additional lorry movements per year which will further impact air quality.

The quarry would result in the loss of public access to several of the current well used footpaths and bridleways.

The quarry poses a risk from flooding, pollution and disturbance to the ecology of SSSIs at Holme Pit and Attenborough Nature Reserve and on five SINCs (Sites of Important Nature Conservation) one of which will be destroyed altogether. The site would also adversely impact Grade 1 listed Clifton Hall.

The quarry will lead to the loss of and damage to Local Wildlife Sites, a range of priority habitats, and will adversely impact a broad range of red and amber list bird species.

The proposed restoration fails to address the potential impacts of climate change and the need to mitigate the emerging biodiversity emergency.

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

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,