

Councillors and Planners

Councillor 1

Objective

You are happy that the quarry is being developed, as it will mean that jobs will be safe and the local area will remain prosperous.

Information

You are interested in the following factors

- The employment situation in the area
- The creation of new jobs for local people
- The economic development of the area and the possibility of more money coming into the area

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Councillor 2

Objective

You are against the proposal because of the impact that the site will have on the local environment. You are particularly concerned that the public footpath network will be affected by the extension. You feel the site will be noisy, messy and a blot on the landscape.

Information

You are interested in the following factors

- The noise levels in the quarry and the surrounding area
- The effect on the public footpath and the bridleway
- What is going to happen about the bridge across the river (you know moving the bridge means a change to the footpath)

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Highway department

Objective

You are very worried about traffic on the nearby A-road. Traffic levels have grown generally over time, and the amount of noise, vibration diesel fumes, and other pollution generated by those vehicles is seen as damaging the local area.

Local residents have already complained about the amount of traffic using the roads around the quarry.

You must think about how suitable the roads are to take more traffic and how much it would cost to upgrade any unsuitable roads.

Information

You are interested in the following factors

- Proposals to ensure the local A road will be able to cope with the increased traffic from the site
- Possible complaints from local residents regarding the use of Benfield Lane which leads to the quarry's private access road
- The cost of the upgrade to the public roads, which are going to be used almost exclusively by the quarry traffic

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Planning Officer

Objective

You work for the County Council and are responsible for deciding whether the quarry should be allowed to extend.

Information

When making your decision you should consider the comments made by advisors and the local people. It is up to you to decide whether the quarry company is doing everything it can to reduce the negative effects of quarrying.

You need to consider

- Has the quarry company minimised the amount of noise and dust which will be caused by quarrying?
- What will the affect be to local wildlife?
- Will known archaeological features be affected? Has the quarry company considered what they will do if unknown archaeology is found?
- What will the impact be on the surrounding farmland?
- What will the site look like when quarrying is completed?
- Are local people in favour of the quarry or strongly against it?