Guest house owner

Objective

You are worried that if the quarry extends tourists will not stay at your guesthouse and you will lose money. You are interested to know whether the new quarry workers will be looking for somewhere to stay. If so, this may increase the number of guests staying for long periods, which will improve your business.

You are also concerned that if the quarry extends the roads will get busier.

Questions

Where are your workers going to live?

Your business depends on people wanting to visit the area. If the quarry extends you are concerned that that people will go somewhere else. Will the area become too noisy for the walkers who normally stay with you? Once the quarry closes will people want to return to Chesford?

Café owner

Objective

At the moment your customers are all tourists visiting the area. These people arrive throughout the day and generally order cakes and tea. If tourists stop visiting the area you will have no customers. Could you tempt the quarry workers to eat in your café at lunchtime? Would you need to alter your menus?

You should also remember that you live above your café and it is along the main road.

Information

You are interested in the proposal but also rather worried about what it will mean to you and your café. You want to find out whether the traffic will increase on the A road and what affect this will have on your business. Your main customers are currently tourists and you are concerned that they will stop visiting the area. Will the quarry company be providing a café at the quarry for their staff or can you expect quarry workers in your café?

Mother with asthmatic son (aged 12)

Objective

You are worried that extending the quarry will mean more dust. You must insist that dust controls are adequate. Can the company make sure that that they will be using water hoses to control the dust? Will they put sheet coverings over the lorries as they transport the gravel?

Information

As you have an asthmatic son you are very worried about the dust levels and what the quarry company will be doing to make sure that these are carefully monitored and controlled. You want to know how they are going to make sure that the dust does not affect the surrounding area.

You are also worried about the number of new lorries that might be on the road and how this increased traffic will affect the village and the nearby school.

Farmer

Objective

The majority of the land that is proposed for the expansion is classed as "Good Quality Versatile Land" and this type of land is good for growing crops. You would not like this land to be lost.

With the current quarry you have had cause to complain about the noise and the damage to your farm from the vibrations of the drilling.

The lorries will pass near to your farm, possibly causing pollution damage to your crops.

Information

You are very interested to know how the proposed quarry might affect your farmland. You know what the effects of the current quarry have been and you are looking for reassurance that the new quarry will not damage your land.

You are worried that the quarry company will make a lot of noise and vibration, which will affect you and your family. You are also concerned about the company polluting the surrounding land and water. How will the quarry company prevent this?

If the quarry is going to directly affect your land you want to know if there is going to be some compensation.