

## Memorandum – Re Broom Court Quarry Development

- 1 The project cannot be reasonably defined as an extension to the Marsh Quarry already in operation at Salford Prior, the two sites do not border each other at any time.
- 2 The Proximity of the Broom Court Development to the village of Bidford on Avon will give rise to the following:
  - Incessant noise pollution particularly to those homes bordering the site
  - Destruction of the visual amenity
  - Phase One of the Quarry will back directly on to the Cemetery
  - The quarry operations will impact upon the tranquillity of the allotments both in terms of noise, dust and unsightliness
  - Much has been done to encourage people to settle in Bidford, the quality of village life will now be seriously reduced.
  - The attractiveness of the Big Meadow as a venue for village activities and to visiting day-trippers and tourists will be seriously reduced, which will in turn impact upon those businesses dependent upon this trade.
- 3 RMC's own presentation and submissions make conflicting statements about Restoration Time, Restoration Plans and various Operational Issues.
- 4 RMC's reports and presentations seem to infer only 1.1 million cubic metres of material will be up lifted while the real figure will be significantly higher.
- 5 RMC's estimates appear to be based on very limited geological analysis ie just 19 boreholes
- 6 RMC have indicated the life expectancy of the project to be 5.5 years based on the quarry having reserves on 1.65 million tonnes which will be extracted at a rate of 300,000 tpa, however if this extraction rate is not achieved and RMC are the first to say it might not for various reasons, then on lower extraction rates say 250,000 tpa or even 200,000 tpa the life of the project could be extended to between 7 and 9 years. This scenario is very possible RMC have already over run the times quoted for Marsh Farm.
- 7 The plan does not preclude the use of mobile washing and screening equipment which usually requires no planning permission or limited planning permission.
- 8 The project will seriously disrupt the natural flood plain and the extraction of the aggregate will destroy the natural drainage characteristics of the land. In turn this diminishing of the quality of the land will seriously affect the character and quality of the arable / farmland returned at the end of the restoration period
- 9 A 1200 metre conveyor belt running across country from Broom Court to Marsh will completely change the characteristic of the countryside
- 10 The Conveyor will add to the noise pollution, suffered by the village

- 11 The security of the Conveyor for Health and Safety reasons cannot be guaranteed as proven by the poor quality of the current security at Marsh Farm .
- 12 Conveyors are considered to be the cause of 11% of all quarrying fatalities according to statistics quoted by the Health and Safety Executive
- 13 There is every indication that RMC intend to backfill with a mixture of clay, soil and old brick, these materials will affect the lands ability to drain and my comments about the disruption to the surface drainage and character of the flood plain stand.
- 14 RMC plan to improve the diversity of the natural habitat during restoration, how can they improve on nature and moreover the RSPB have prosecuted an RMC Manager for the destruction of 30 Sand Martin Nests during the last twelve month.
- 15 There is a strong possibility that RMC could in the future seek variations to their planning permissions and use Marsh Farm and Broom Court as Landfills.