

BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



PRESS STATEMENT

Following the receipt of a planning application by RMC Materials Ltd. for the extraction of sand and gravel from Broom Court Farm, Bidford-on-Avon, the Parish Council arranged a Public Meeting last night to discuss the proposed development.

The meeting, which was called at short notice, was attended by approximately 300 people from all over the Parish, all of whom voiced their strong opposition to development.

The Parish Council based on this consultation & on the merits of the application itself have unanimously decided to oppose the development. They will work closely with the County and District Councillors as well as with other interested bodies such as the Bidford Residents Association to ensure that its objections are fully aired with the relevant planning bodies.

The Parish Council's major objections are:

- **Health and Safety** - We are concerned for the safety of the site. The extraction site is very large & will be mainly unprotected, especially to the south, where due to restrictions imposed by the Environment Agency no bunds will be permitted. In addition the proposed conveyor route will cross open country with very little protection & this will undoubtedly represent a great hazard, especially to children
- **Environment** – The river and its surrounding are areas of great natural beauty which are enjoyed by many & the extensive flora, fauna and bird life will be endangered should this proposal proceed..

