

Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council

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11th August 2009

Dear Mrs. Broomhead,

**Re : Planning Application S2141/09CM018
Proposed Extraction of Minerals with Restoration to Agriculture and a
Pond – Marsh Farm Quarry North of Broom Lane**

The above planning application was discussed at last night's Planning Committee Meeting by Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council, and I give below the Council's response for your consideration.

Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council **objects** to this application on the following grounds:

- This lengthy document was received by the Parish Council on Friday 24th July and a full response requested no later than 12th August. Bearing in mind that CEMEX advised the Liaison Committee of its intention to proceed with this planning application at the meeting held on 30th April, clarification would be needed as to what has held up sending out the documents.

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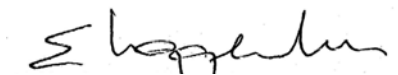
- CEMEX is applying to “extend” its area of sand and gravel extraction to north of Broom Lane, which includes restoration of the land to agriculture and a pond. However, CEMEX has still not completed its restoration of the existing quarry, which remains a constant source of complaint from residents, despite assurances that this would start at the Broom Lane end.
Such poor performance does not augur well for the future and the Parish council would request WCC to consider very carefully granting permission for this extension until such time as real progress has been carried out restoring the current site. Furthermore, WCC must seek legally binding assurances that restoration of the new site will take place within a reasonable time.
- This application is premature. This site is not included in the current minerals plan . The Parish Council is aware that it is included as a proposed site in the Mineral Core Strategy which is still in the consultation period. Until such time as the consultation has finalised a decision made regarding the various proposed sites, the Parish Council believes this application should be refused. There is also concern that although the Core Strategy consultation document when referring to this site include a one year period of extraction of 250k tonnes, the Planning Application documents received refer to 425k tonnes being extracted over a period of two years. This apparent difference throws doubt on the veracity of the information supplied in the consultation document.
- Broom Lane – the Parish Council is extremely concerned about the increased traffic that will be operating in this small, “C” road, which is the main entrance/exit to Broom from the west.
It is also the main road used by parents taking their children to Dunnington School and residents commuting to Redditch etc. No dumper activities should take place during those hours of the day when parents take children to school and residents travel to and from work.
With the increase rainfall we are having, any amount of dirt on the road becomes a dangerous muddy patch. Therefore, the Parish Council would request that a detailed, and enforceable, traffic control be put in place should consent be granted.
Due to the very poor visibility both ways, it is essential traffic control is used and due care and attention must be taken when placing these traffic controls in order to avoid potential accidents.
- It was noted that the restoration includes a pond which, according to the plans included in the application, would appear to be the size of approx. One third of the area. As had been discussed at the Liaison Meeting in April, the Parish Council has grave concerns regarding this and it wants assurances that no entrances that no permission will be granted to allow an entrance from Broom Lane.

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- By granting permission for sand and gravel extraction to this site without any time restriction, will condemn the already harassed residents of Broom (as well as of Dunnington etc. in Salford Priors PC) to further disruption, dust, noise pollution. etc. and members would urge WCC to carefully consider the consequences to a community that has been suffering from this for approx. 15 years.
- Finally, the Parish Council endorses the comments that have been made by its neighbour, Salford Priors Parish Council.

Yours sincerely



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