

QUARRY THREAT RETURNS

THERE IS A VERY REAL THREAT OF US LOSING THE LONG TERM DEBATE OVER BROOM COURT

Since the quarry application for Broom Court was withdrawn BARG and Parish Council members have been attending meetings with County Council planners and representatives from the quarrying industry as part of the process to produce the new Minerals Core Strategy. At a meeting on 16th February it was suggested that since the Broom Court application failed, interest from Bidford residents concerning quarrying had waned.

**** THEY THINK WE DON'T CARE ANYMORE & AREN'T WATCHING ****

The '**Minerals Planning Road Show**' currently touring the County as part of the public consultation process is our chance to speak to the planners and put our views. The Road Show has already visited Atherstone, Southam, Dunchurch and Rugby and is due to visit **Bidford Library Friday 23rd February 1pm-7pm (drop-in when you can)**. Planners have noted that visitor numbers have been low and at least one drop-in had a zero attendance.

**** BIDFORD NEEDS TO TURN UP ON FRIDAY AND LET THEM KNOW WE CARE ****

A Minerals Workshop is scheduled for **3rd March** at Leamington Spa, to date Council has received only one confirmed attendance. The Minerals Planning Department has said if there is sufficient local interest they will hold the **Workshop in Bidford** instead. Our Parish Council are inviting the planners to Bidford for the Workshop. To attend email ruthbradford@warwickshire.gov.uk and state you are a Bidford resident. If you don't have email please ask someone to do it for you or ring a BARG number listed below for contact details.

**** BIDFORD NEEDS TO GET THIS WORKSHOP MOVED TO OUR VILLAGE SO WE CAN ASK QUESTIONS ****

There are indications that National Planning Policies will encourage integrated Mineral and Waste Policies

**** WHEN QUARRYING SITES ARE FINISHED THIS MEANS THERE IS A VERY REAL CHANCE THEY WILL BE TURNED INTO LANDFILL SITES ****

The Mineral Core Strategy Preferred Options Paper – Issued 31/01/07 has resulted from the initial round of consultations and there are many indications that the **Minerals Industry is currently winning the debate**. Part of the document is a questionnaire, which must be completed and returned by 14th March 2007, a statutory deadline and any late submissions will be dismissed without consideration. **WE NEED TO SEND AS MANY RESPONSES AS POSSIBLE.**

**** A CONCERTED EFFORT OVER THE NEXT 3 WEEKS COULD MAKE A DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE TO THE FORMULATION OF THE POLICY ****

The key issues with impact on Bidford are:

Extensions to existing mineral, sand and gravel workings will be preferred. The use of overland conveyors to join existing sites to other remote deposits is a very real possibility and this is exactly what was proposed between Bidford and Salford Priors.

It is proposed not to set predetermined buffer zones around settlements and no specific guidance on the restoration of land after quarrying. Each new application will be viewed on a case by case basis.

What could this mean to you? Potentially a quarry operator could work right up to your back door and only have to complete minimal restoration after completing their extraction processes. Worse still if they can't restore the site how they originally promised due to lack of materials or funds they'll get away with doing the bare minimum.

Don't forget, the Central Government Policy favours Minerals and Waste being integrated before you know it there's a LANDFILL at the bottom of YOUR GARDEN !!!

For suggested questions for the Road Show on Friday, the questionnaire and to go on the BARG email list please contact:

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BIDFORD-ON-AVON RESIDENTS GROUP (BARG)

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WE NEED TO ACT NOW TO SAFEGUARD OUR
VILLAGE

READ THIS SHEET CAREFULLY AND PLAY
YOUR PART

ACTION DATES

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Visit the 'Minerals Planning Road Show'
at Bidford Library 1pm-7pm (drop-in when you can)

NOW

Send your e-mail to the planners and get the Minerals
Workshop on Saturday 3rd March moved to Bidford

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

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Further details are also available on the parish website www.bidfordonavon-pc.gov.uk and
from Elisabeth at the Parish Council Office

How to get your copy of the Mineral Core Strategy Paper and accompanying Questionnaire

Copies are available for free from the Library

Or call: 01926 412391 or 412907 and ask for a copy to be sent to you

Or email: planningstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk

Or complete online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mineralscorestrategy

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