
CAMPAIGNERS AGAINST TWO SILICA SITES

CATSS

SORRY NO QUARRY - UPDATE

Hello, and welcome to CATSS first newsletter. CATSS are a volunteer Action Group and our aim is to get you up to speed with all the latest information, facts and concerns the community have about the proposed two Silica Sand Extraction sites in Marham / Shouldham Warren.

Over the course of last four months we have had two public meetings (standing room only) about the monstrous quarry plans proposed by Sibelco and Norfolk County Council (NCC). Most people didn't even know this was proposed until the last minute!

New subscribers are signing up to the CATSS Facebook group every day, 364 and growing. With many of us are now actively trying to challenge these dreadful proposals!

The online petition saying 'No' to the proposed sites is a whisker away from hitting 1,000 signatures.

Please sign if you haven't already - <https://bit.ly/2Qghw2s>

We initially challenged the Marham Parish Council to try and establish why they didn't inform the public about the plans. Now we have two liaison officers (Inga Barrett and Chris Childs) from the Parish Council who are trying to bridge the gap so we can hopefully oppose these plans together.

The Parish Council have promised £1,000 towards the campaign and we are grateful for that!

CATSS arranged a radio interview with BBC Norfolk, to promote our campaign to STOP THE QUARRY. The Parish Council were also interviewed and stated publicly that they too were against the Quarry.

CATSS have logged an official complaint with the Norfolk County Council about the consultation, lack of community engagement amongst many other issues of concern, to which we have received a dismissive reply. We will have to escalate the complaint. We feel many will be further shocked and dissatisfied by Norfolk County Council's blatant disregard for the opinion of the residents and taxpayers.

On a brighter note, CATSS have plans to run informative surgeries so locals and residents from surrounding communities can come and talk to us about their concerns and seek guidance on how best to object to these plans. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming dates for these early next year.

We are also selling limited edition CATSS T-shirts and hoodies, to help raise funds. Please do get in touch if you wish to order one or donate funds to support the campaign.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 18th JANUARY 2019. Join us to walk with Rt.Hon Liz Truss MP (pictured) on our public right of way to say 'Sorry No Quarry'. Further updates soon. As Liz Truss has public stated '...it is evident there is not the local support, so I believe that it should not go ahead.'

CATSS appreciate all her support in helping to fight stop these plans.

We have been so active as a community in objecting that we have managed to delay the next consultation until March/April 2019.

Well done everyone!

CONCERNS

The big question is, are we any closer to stopping Sibelco and NCC proposing these quarry plans?

The short answer is NO! But we can not give up. Sibelco will be banking on us to get fed up with it all.

CATSS are seeking answers to, is how can the NCC justify only sending letters out to 10 households? When it will impact on so many lives.

Why did NCC put forward Shouldham Warren as an 'Area of Search' for Silica Sand? Effectively destroying a woodland used recreationally by hundreds of people.

What about the Archeological impact on the area? Pentney Abbey, Shoulhdam Priory...

How can NCC & Sibelco propose to extract primary materials and destroy such a vast area of agriculture and wildlife, when NCC recycle 47% of the waste collected and glass is a tiny proportion of this.

How can the community comment on the plans when Sibelco haven't provided detailed plans? e.g. Wet / dry extraction?!

The impact of a possible pipeline? The list goes on...

THE FUTURE

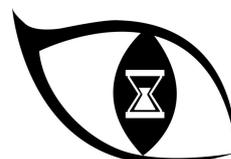
One thing for sure is that only by uniting together will we stop these sites from happening. If you have a neighbour who is not online please update them or let CATSS know and we will update them.

If you'd like to help in any way with advice, leaflet drop or you may know someone or you may be an expert in a way that could help, then do get in touch.

Tell as many people as you can about this Beast that wants to move in and trash our beautiful countryside - please spread the news wide and far.

The next chance you'll have to object will be March/April 2019.

In the meantime, we have got to keep fighting for our communities, countryside, health, wildlife, wellbeing and future generations.



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