



STOP THE QUARRY

SAVE BETCHWORTH COMMON FIELD

Surrey County Council shortcut consultation process to meet Government targets!

- **Planning Permission has been applied for by JJ Franks to extract 770,000 tonnes of sand from the Common Field, commencing in 2012 and expected to complete in 2024.**
- Surrey County Council have asked that responses be made by 23 July 2007, just TWO weeks after the publication of a several hundred page application. This flies in the face of proper consultation bearing in mind the application could sway planning policies that have yet to be defined!
- Although you may have written a letter regarding the Minerals Plan, you must write against this planning application TODAY!



Campaign Against
Mineral Extraction
& Landfill Surrey

Write your objection letter today!

It is vital that letters of objection to the planning application are written now! Time is running out. **The deadline for comments is 23rd July 2007** — do not put this task off—pick up pen and paper or mouse and keyboard and act now!

We publish below just some of the key issues that CAMEL have identified which could be suitable arguments against the proposed development and industrialisation of the Common Field:

- **The time given for responses to the Planning Application is unreasonable**, given the size of the submission by the proposed developer and the weight that it apparently, could have in determining policies in the emerging development plan documentation.
- **The Common Field (PMZ55) is located in Metropolitan Green Belt**, approximately 600m to the south of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and approximately 400m to the south of the Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV). Enjoyment of both AONB and AGLV from the village and from the North Downs will be significantly diminished by the application.
- **Disturbance of skylark habitat.** The Common Field is a breeding ground for skylarks whose numbers have fallen by over 50% in the last few years. The recommendation by the developer's ecologist is simple to remove the habitat and scare the birds away and does not provide an alternative solution.
- **Detrimental impact on the nearby Acorns School.** On many counts the proposed development will pose a significant threat to the Acorns School: the health of young growing children will be threatened by sand dust; safety of children will be compromised by the existence of the quarry so near to the school; safety of children will be compromised as more parents will have to drop children off on a busy fast road, already being monitored by Community Speed Watch, and the livelihood of the School will be threatened as parents will not see it as a suitable place for young, healthy, developing children to be exposed to unnecessary and unacceptable risk.

Please write immediately quoting reference 'Planning Application 2007/0526' to:

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County Hall, Kingston-Upon-Thames, KT1 2DY.