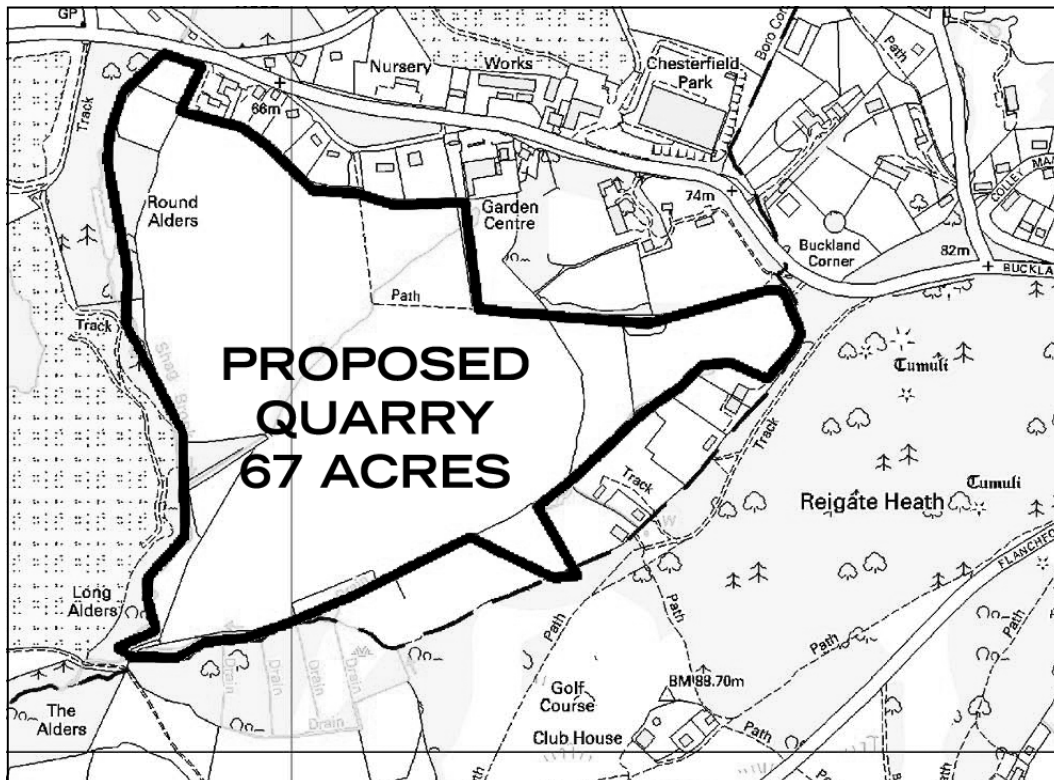




STOP THE QUARRY

SAVE REIGATE HEATH



There's little time - write before 31st December!

- **The beauty and tranquillity of Reigate Heath is under threat.**
- Reigate Heath is one of the country's few wetland heaths and a protected area (a Site of Special Scientific Interest)
- Surrey County Council intend to extract over 2.2 million tonnes of sand from Shagbrook - an area of over 67 acres
- If the quarry proposal goes through, the impact will be significant on Reigate Heath and the surrounding area:
 - **Noise, pollution, dust, water pollution**
 - **Possible future landfill**
 - **Fall in local house prices**
 - **Destruction of an already damaged watertable and delicate ecological balance**

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MINERAL EXTRACTION AND LANDFILL

Write your objection letter today!

It is vital that letters of objection are written now!

The initial deadline is 31st December, 2004. Although Surrey County Council have stated "We would appreciate your views by the end of the year, but additional comments will accepted by 28th February 2005", it will have far more impact if the letters meet the first deadline. So Please HURRY!

The number of individual letters will be logged, so it is important that you ask anyone and everyone that is affected by these proposals to write, particularly if you are seeing family or friends over the Christmas period.

To help you compose your letter we have identified some key material issues that should be used. You perhaps only want to use three or four We have been advised that it is far better to make 'technical' arguments rather than those based on 'sentiment'.

In response to the Report on Assessment of Potential Mineral Zones for Extraction of Sand and Gravel in Surrey - August - 2004

- **Reigate Heath is a protected SSSI** (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The proposed quarry will adjoin this area. The impact of hydrology and possible further lowering of the water table which has declined in the last twenty years will undoubtedly harm the delicate eco-balance of the Heath and local nature reserve, affecting wildlife, trees and other vegetation.
- **Access to the A25 is severely limited**, without significant expansion of the current designated area and in the words of SCCs report 'it is likely to involve considerable amounts of vegetation'. Suggestions to use a 'pipeline' or conveyor to link the existing Park Pit will compound any impact on hydrology and ecology. Additionally, this would suggest that other currently 'un-designated' sites could be included in the same way cutting at least a 3km swathe of quarries 600m from the Surrey Hills - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- **The zone is located in Metropolitan Green Belt**, approximately 600m to the south of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and approximately 400m to the south of the Area of Great Landscape Value. The site is very open in character and visible from the AONB, National Trust land and other public access land. There are panoramic views across the site from local rights of way towards the AONB, which forms a backdrop to those views.
- **Buckland Sand** comprises silica sand which is currently being used for equestrian and play sand market. Is this the correct use for a nationally scarce resource? Are there no other sources available which would have less of an impact on the ecology, environment and delicate balance of rural communities already under threat from urbanisation.

Please write immediately quoting reference 'PMZ60 - Shagbrook' to:

Roger Hargreaves
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Surrey County Council
County Hall
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CAMEL - Campaign Against Mineral Extraction and Landfill

CAMEL is the joint action group, supported by the Parish Councils, from Betchworth and Buckland seeking to STOP the development of quarries and landfill sites between Dorking and Reigate. For further information please visit the web site at <http://www.sandactiongroup.com>.