

**GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND READYMIX PLANT  
OFF BUNGAY NORWICH ROAD (B1332) IN  
DITCHINGHAM**

**ENRAGED Taking Action In Our Area!**

Dear Resident

You are no doubt aware that **Lafarge Aggregates are intending to submit a planning application for a gravel pit in land off the B1332 (Norwich Road)** adjacent to Fen Lane and opposite Ditchingham Hall.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July Lafarge presented their plans at a public exhibition in Bungay. At the Parish Council meeting (also on the 18<sup>th</sup> July), there was a lively discussion on the topic which resulted in Julian Green who lives on the Norwich Road being nominated as campaign organiser to lead a residents action group, and we have been busy getting on with it. So here we are...

**ENRAGED (Norfolk Residents Against Gravel Extraction in Ditchingham)**

We have been busy getting ourselves organised. We now want to: share with you the latest developments on the scheme; our plans; gain your views; and most importantly, to get your help to fight this scheme. **We are holding a residents meeting at Broome Village Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.** We expect that it will last for about 2 hours.

We would urge you, albeit at the end of a demanding day to come along. If getting there will be a problem call 01986 895592 and we will organise a lift for you.

Thank you

**Stop Press!** The next meeting of the **Ditchingham Parish Council** is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Gravel Pit is item 4 on the Agenda (around 8:00pm).

Go along... tell them what you think. Call John Smith (Clerk) 01986 892235 for more information.

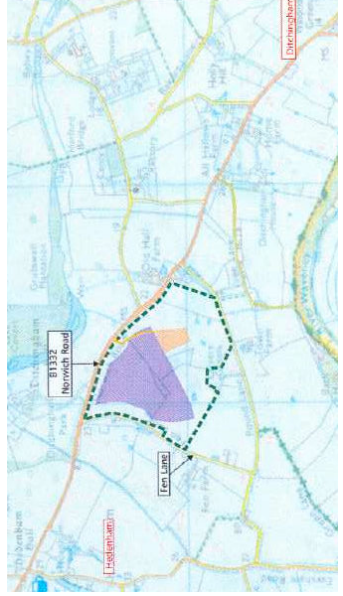
**Lafarge's plans?**

At the exhibition it became increasingly clear that this was a slick PR exercise... no hard plans were revealed, just contrived pictures. Lafarge has not revealed actual plans or proposals, just their intentions to extract 1.25m tonnes of gravel, and in a scheme that will blight Ditchingham for 15 years.

**So what's in it for us?**

- **Environment** Dust? When the wind blows; Noise? 10 hour days, 6 ½ days a week; Light pollution? Yes there will be lighting!
- **Amenity** At the exhibition in Bungay, Lafarge talked about landscape restoration. To what end?... The public will have no access to this land... this will continue to be farmed by the Ditchingham Estate.
- **Ecology** The Lafarge consultant was sick. No answers! Existing woodland & natural habitats will be destroyed. Some hedgerows have already been grubbed up.
- **Health** Dust created from mineral extraction or that carried along the road may affect health conditions such as asthma.
- **Traffic** No hard numbers yet... but expect anything upto 68 additional lorry movements each day. That's an increase of around 15% on lorries alone. Total disregard for safety on a road that has recently had 30mph limits introduced!
- **Jobs** No new jobs.
- **Property** Values typically drop by upto 30%!

**The Gravel Pit will impact you...**



**You can Help**

This may be a long protracted struggle. We are fighting a skilled, determined multi-national company leasing land from Viscount Tamworth and the Ditchingham Estate. Arguably the odds are in Lafarge's favour ... However 1 in 3 applications in Norfolk fail. **ENRAGED** are convinced the Ditchingham scheme will fail. But we need your help.

If you are coming to the meeting, please complete and bring this return slip with you. If you can't make the meeting but would like to support us then give us a call.

**If you have: a query; any information; or an idea to help this campaign please let us know.**

**You can contact us on 01986 895592**

<b>I support the campaign</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>I can help the campaign by:</b>
• Delivering leaflets <input type="checkbox"/>
• Making a donation to <b>ENRAGED</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
• Putting up a garden poster <input type="checkbox"/>
• Doing 'anything' you ask me to! <input type="checkbox"/>
• Other (please tell us!) <input type="checkbox"/>

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# **Residents Meeting (all welcome)**

**To be held at**

## **Broome Village Hall**

Sun Road (off Old Yarmouth Road)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 8pm**

Call 01986 895592 if you require a lift



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