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**RE: The Ditchingham Quarry (Land off Norwich Road B1332).**

Dear Mr James

You may, or may not be aware of the proposals for 'The Ditchingham Quarry' project located in Norfolk and of **ENRAGED** (Norfolk Residents Against Gravel Extraction in Ditchingham) a local residents action group established to resist totally the proposed scheme by Lafarge Aggregates to extract sand and gravel from land off the B1332 adjacent to Fen Lane.

It is with some dismay that I satisfy the role as **ENRAGED** Campaign Leader as I would prefer to use the time differently. I am supported by an able team of fellow participants who are as determined as am I, that the Lafarge application will not succeed. **ENRAGED**'s 'membership' continues to grow on a daily basis and we have the support of: our local, district and county councillors; and our MP; as well as the CPRE; other conservation, heritage and wildlife bodies; many Norfolk landowners; users of the B1332; and almost all the local residents. Check out our web site [www.nraged.org.uk](http://www.nraged.org.uk). Our resolve is absolute, this Quarry scheme will not succeed.

**Project Management:** The Lafarge project manager for The Ditchingham Quarry is Mr Stuart Anderson, [Projects Director, Lafarge Aggregates Limited, Mineral Resources, Panshanger Park] and Lafarge's agent handling the planning issues for this scheme is DL Walker.

**Location:** The proposed site at Ditchingham sits between the Broads National Park and the English Heritage Grade 2 listed Parkland of the Ditchingham Estate. It adjoins the famous country estate of the Victorian author Sir Henry Rider Haggard which has itself remained largely unchanged for over 100 years. The site contains tracks of woodland which are estimated at being over 250 years old together with veteran trees, ponds and species-rich hedgerows, all of which will be destroyed or damaged if the application proceeds. Lafarge has also secured an option from the Ditchingham Estate on land to the west of Fen Lane; a site within the English Heritage Grade 2 listed Parkland itself; and another site beside the cemetery of Ditchingham Church within 50 meters All Hallows Convent and religious retreat.

**Copy correspondence:** Attached herewith is copy correspondence addressed to Messieurs Collomb, Lafont, and Kasriel. In summary, this includes a brief history of the scheme (through the attached copy correspondence (to JW Gough at David L. Walker)) and an invitation to M. Collomb to visit Ditchingham, on which occasion, he may visit the site and view the proposed development for himself. This correspondence has been widely copied.

**Press copy:** In addition, I have included copy press coverage that you may find of 'interest'. Most significantly, the article published in today's EDP is worrying. The press comment from Lafarge is nothing short of defensive 'spin' as it seems that only now (yesterday), and following the latest contact of the press with regard the Collomb story, that Lafarge consider that real community involvement is important. And then limited to members of the parish council.

**Community involvement:** The facts are that: with the exception of the July PR exhibition, Lafarge has not participated in any proactive community involvement; has declined to attend the separate parish meetings of Hedenham and Ditchingham; and that Stuart Anderson has instructed DL Walker not to continue corresponding with the community directly (refer attached letter). This attitude is appalling and is wholly inappropriate and is not an approach that we would imagine that Lafarge would wish to be indicative of its own standards of business ethics (albeit that these are self-promoted).

Mr James. Would you please advise me why it is that your company will only engage in consultation with elected members of the parish council(s) yet decline to do so with the community directly, either personally or through *ENRAGED* (refer Stuart Anderson as above), or at parish meetings convened by elected representatives of the parish (both the request to attend the Hedenham and the Ditchingham parish meetings were declined).

Mr James, may I suggest this might be because there is a risk that [at least some members of] the broader community are better informed than typical parish councils, and that as such would present a threat to your company's evident PR approach (as witnessed at the Bungay exhibition). I welcome your comment.

If you should you have any queries in connection with the attached please do not hesitate to contact us. In this instance please address any communications to Froggs Hall, as above.

**Yours Sincerely**

Julian Green

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**Copies (France):**

- M. Bertrand Collomb
- M. Bruno Lafont
- M. Bernard Kasriel

**Copies (UK):**

- Robert Tamworth; Mr & Mrs Jonathan Chadd.
- John Smith, Clerk to Ditchingham Parish Council; Alan Burrell, NCC; Richard Carden, SNDC; Richard Bacon, MP.
- Chris Tyacke, Clerk to Hedenham Parish Council.
- Mike Jackson, Director Panning & Transportation Department, NCC; David Cassells, Planning Department, NCC.
- Stuart Anderson, Projects Director, Lafarge Aggregates Limited; JW Gough, DL Walker; Michael Horton, Savills.
- Jerome Munro-Lafon, Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick & Co Ltd.
- Ruth Rolls, RR Environmental Communications.

**Annexes:**

1. Copy letter to Bruno Lafont (already copied to above)
2. Copy letter from Ditchingham Parish Council
2. Press cuttings