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Dear Mr Green

Re Lafarge Aggregates Ltd, Ditchingham

In October 2005, Lafarge Aggregates Ltd submitted a planning application to Norfolk County Council to recover approximately one million tonnes of sand and gravel from 10 hectares of land to the north west of Ditchingham. The application was accompanied by a full Environmental Statement.

Norfolk County Council has two planning policies relating to landbank issues, ie the permitted sand and gravel reserves which have to be maintained by the county. Policy MIN14 requires a minimum seven year landbank to be maintained and another Policy, MIN 15, states that permission will not normally be given if the landbank exceeds seven years.

In late January, the landbank was just over seven years and reducing, but on 30th January we were informed that the Planning Inspectorate had just approved a large quarry of over three million tonnes for Tarmac Ltd at Trafford Estate, north of Norwich. This consent effectively increases the county's mineral landbank to such a level that policy conflict would arise if other sand and gravel schemes were to be approved.

In light of this very recent decision by the Planning Inspectorate, Lafarge has decided to withdraw its current planning application for proposed mineral extraction at Ditchingham.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Stuart Anderson
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