

## Villagers unite to oppose quarry

Villagers living close to a proposed quarry have backed a campaign against it.

People at Hedenham, near Bungay, announced yesterday they would support their neighbours at Ditchingham in a battle to stop gravel extraction.

Those people who attended a specially convened parish meeting at Hedenham Village Hall voted unanimously to oppose a plan submitted by aggregates firm Lafarge to extract sand and gravel from a site on the Ditchingham Estate, off Norwich Road, which borders Hedenham parish.

Residents said they were worried about more traffic using the B1332 passing through the village plus environmental damage to parkland on the Ditchingham Hall estate.

They were also upset that no representative from either Lafarge, the Ditchingham Estate or its agent Savilles attended the meeting on Sunday.

Chris Tyacke, chairman of the parish meeting, said: "It is disappointing that those who are seeking to impose this quarry on our community and who make much in their publicity about their continuing dialogue with local residents have not had the common courtesy to send a representative."