

# Campaigners meet to condemn quarry

CAMPAIGNERS turned out in force on Wednesday night to hear the latest moves in a fight against proposed plans to create a quarry near Ditchingham.

Members of protest group Nraged (Norfolk Residents against Gravel Extraction in Ditchingham) gave a presentation to residents in their battle against the proposals by multinational aggregates firm Lafarge.

It has submitted an application to dig a quarry off Norwich Road, Ditchingham, on land belonging

to Viscount Tamworth.

The pit would produce a million tonnes of sand and gravel, though work on the site would not begin until 2007, even if permission were granted.

At the Broome Village Hall meeting, Nraged claimed the quarry would pose a significant risk to people's homes.

In front of up to 100 people, Jonathan Chadd said: "This protest movement is working. I would encourage you to encourage friends to join us.

"We have now got 150 households as members of Nraged."

Mr Chadd said the group had a landscape report from Professor Tom Williamson of the University of East Anglia saying the impact of a quarry could be some landscape destroyed. He added that a decision on the quarry would be made by Norfolk County Council in February or March.

"But we want it decided quickly," Mr Chadd said. "We want this thrown out on the basis it is an inappropriate place...on the grounds of the bad road and in particular the noise and dust."

No one from Lafarge was present.

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