

Village rejects quarry proposal

A quarry proposal in south Norfolk should be thrown out, say village councillors.

Ditchingham Parish Council has written to Norfolk County Council to ask it to reject the application from Lafarge Aggregates.

The company wants to extract a million tonnes of sand and gravel from a site off Norwich Road - and villagers are trying to stop it.

Last week, the parish council agreed to oppose the plan. A parish meeting was attended by 55 people. The council agreed to reply to the county council, listing the concerns of local people.

A proposal from councillor Vic Cossey, that the parish council object only on the basis that the Norwich Road was inadequate, was turned down.

John Smith, of the parish council, said: "We have also included in our reply all the reservations and worries of the many people.

"They include: damage to the environment; devaluing the properties; the convent, which is a place people come for quiet contemplation, would lose visitors.

"The school in Woodton wrote because they are worried and Hedenham people have worries.

"We have never seen so much opposition . . .

"We don't see how Norfolk County Council can possibly support the application."