



Marsh Farm Planned North of Broom Lane Extension Objections

- Level 2/3 agricultural land cannot be restored to the same level after minerals extraction
- We do not agree that the North of Broom Lane is the least worst option. We believed the least worst option is not to extract sand and gravel at all.
- How can we believe two years extraction when the Core Strategy said one and Marsh Farm has been going for more than twenty five years after an initial stated extraction of ten?
- We do not believe planning conditions can be enforced as they have not been adhered to at Marsh Farm, re Soil movement plans'
- Application is premature – it is a proposed site within the mineral core strategy that is in the consultation period – denies public consultation.
- Core Strategy Consultation Document states 1 year period of extraction of 250,000 tonnes but the planning application states 425,000 tonnes over a period of 2 years.
- Increased traffic on Broom lane to Broom from the West, which is also the main road for school traffic to Dunnington School and residents.
- Dangers of the proposed crossing on Broom Lane for lorries and large dump trucks to take minerals from the proposed extension to the processing plant.
- Consequences to the community from noise, dust, traffic and pollution having suffered it for 25 years.
- Extracts and observations from the CEMEX Liaison meeting minutes below show ongoing debate on Marsh Farm restoration but not much has actually happened. These are for reference and are not objections in themselves. Liaison committee meetings were asked to be held every six months but these minutes are all we have:

From CEMEX liaison meeting of November 2005:

- The original Reinstatement plan drawn up 1985 was modified as the finished levels could not be achieved without bringing inert waste to the site.
- CEMEX met Environment Agency September 2005 who agreed to allow CEMEX to bring in inert waste subject to the granting of a new Licence. This caused further delay to restoration and a date of spring 2006 was given for work to recommence.



- Broom Lane (C103) described as a moonscape was designated to be restored first. CEMEX confirmed it had discussed this potential change with Ragley Estate who agreed it would be desirable. CEMEX commented that the landowner is NOW more accommodating. No problems are anticipated and no absolute insistence on agricultural restoration of the entire site.
- Bunds (Top Soil) A46 serving as an acoustic shield to be used for reinstatement. If there was a wish to retain them discuss with Highways/County Council.
- No specific end date for Marsh Farm could be in operation until 2042. The 60 year rule plus 5 years aftercare taking it to 2047

From CEMEX liaison meeting of April 2007

- CEMEX have resolved the landfill area issues with the Environment Agency, which had suspended work there for approx. 18 months. They had had to reapply for an exemption, which is now on an annual rolling basis, and infill had restarted in February, however, they had lost quite a lot of their original customer basis and calculate a loss of 2 years of restoration.
- Regarding the type of infill now being received, there are very strict rules: only infill from reputable companies is allowed and a record of incoming vehicles and their contents have to be kept. Top soil is no longer allowed as it can be contaminated. It will take about 4 years from extraction ceasing for the full restoration to be carried out.

From CEMEX liaison meeting of April 2009

- Mr Rowley said that because of the recession there had been a reduction in budgets for output and also a great reduction in waste for landfill. Both these factors had slowed restoration progress. He said that their aim was still to complete restoration working from Broom Lane towards the processing plant in the centre of the Site. In response to a question regarding the quantity of fill required to complete restoration of the whole site Mr Rowley said that he did not know how much fill would be needed. He said that the aim was still to restore to agriculture.
- Mr Thompson said that Ragley had several alternative restoration scheme ideas for consideration.