

South Warwickshire Environmental Association ; - formed by a group of like minded people to investigate and formulate a strategy for a positive resolution to matters of concern expressed by people in and around the area.

Following the distribution of leaflets outlining various public concerns an inaugural meeting was held and the association now formed is preparing to take appropriate action on a variety of concerns including, dilapidated polytunnels, flooding, heavy transport through villages, and not least the ***proliferation of sand and gravel works***.

It is not common knowledge that six, sand and gravel sites have been earmarked in the vicinity of Bidford, Salford Priors, and Harvington, to name but a few villages. More information may be provided by this organisation if required. Email us at envirowatch@live.co.uk or visit our website at www.enviro-watch.co.uk.

The proposed plans for three sand and gravel sites adjacent to Broom on either side of the A46 are a disgrace. Should these projects proceed there will be an immense impact on countryside, with disturbance to neighbouring domestic properties and devastation of property values in parts of Broom.

Allegedly planning approval was granted about 25 years ago for the long neglected Marsh Farm Quarry, based upon the spirit of the proposal being that the reinstatement would provide expanses of water and landscapes that would ***enhance the area*** in exchange for benefits to the quarry operators and landowners. ***Unfortunately this has not yet happened*** and has become laughable among the local communities.

The proposed quarry at Berry Coppice Dunnington ***must be opposed by all means at our disposal***. This abhorrent conception, to fell trees that form part of an ancient woodland and dig up the centuries old undisturbed ground beneath in one of the most beautiful areas of Warwickshire defies belief. The total disregard to the proximity of the village of Dunnington and local school is of great concern with the westerly prevailing wind, noise and dust pollution and an increase in quarry traffic.

One thing is very clear, the process for ***site selection is fundamentally flawed*** when quarry proposals so close to domestic residencies can progress this far. Quarries should be sited in the most suitable places with appropriate compensation to those affected and not at the convenience of quarry operators and landowners. So far 9000 objections have been lodged with Warwickshire County Council against all the proposals in the county.

The most important thing today is your support to oppose all these sites.

If you would like to offer your support, please leave your name and other details with us now.