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Oxfordshire Upper Thames Residents Against Gravel Extraction

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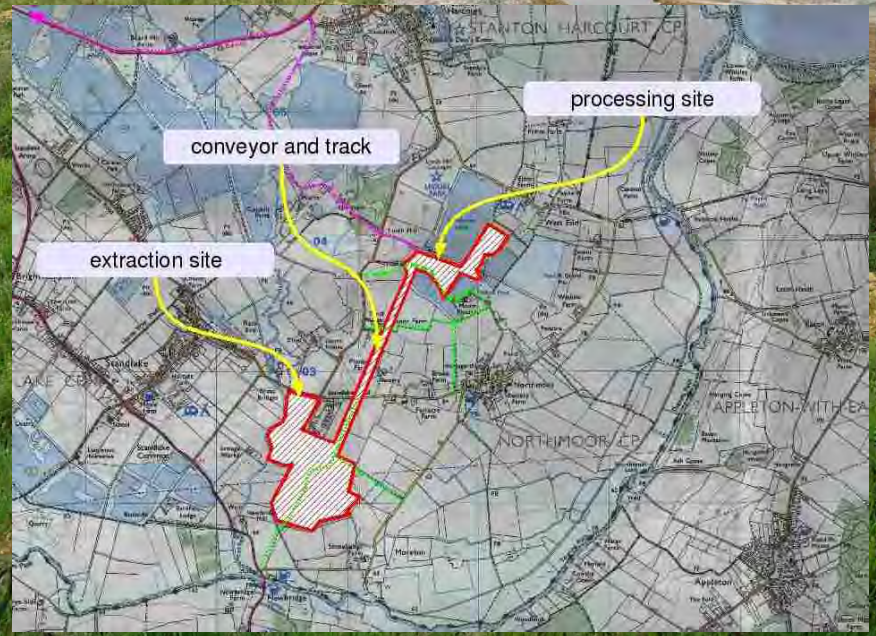
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**HANSON HAS NOW APPLIED FOR
PLANNING PERMISSION TO DIG GRAVEL
AT STONEHENGE FARM, NORTHMOOR**



Come to the Residents' Meeting at
Northmoor Village Hall on Tuesday February 6th at 8pm

**SAY NO to GRAVEL
DIGGING at NORTHMOOR!**



Add your voice to ours - write to: Director for Environment and Economy, Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell St, Oxford OX1 1NE. By 23 February 2007

Hanson Aggregates has applied to extract gravel at Stonehenge Farm, Northmoor. The application covers two areas and about a mile of conveyor and maintenance track. Some 146 acres (59 hectares) are affected. The extraction site (see map) is within half a mile of Northmoor, Moreton and Standlake.

If permission is granted, this tranquil landscape will suffer almost 10 years of disruption, damage and noise.

Gravel digging at Stonehenge Farm Northmoor will mean:

- loss of fields, plants, trees and animal habitats
- noise and dust
- degradation of the footpath and bridleway network
- unsightly earth bunds (banks) along site boundaries
- a conveyor from the gravel diggings to Linch Hill
- a vehicular maintenance track beside the conveyor
- maintenance traffic along the length of the conveyor
- conveyor tunnel under Standlake-Northmoor Road
- disruption of local floodplain water levels and flows
- danger to some essential well-water supplies
- destruction of local archaeology in its setting
- safety concerns for children and dogs

ENOUGH is ENOUGH

Northmoor is unusual. The setting of every other local village (Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Hardwick and Ducklington) has been damaged by gravel lakes and workings. Hundreds of acres between us and Witney are now under water. The fields, walks and rides around Northmoor are a haven – not only for us, but also for visitors.

Planning decisions take no account of effects on property values. But If permission is granted, the value of local property will be affected.

Outrage recognises the need for gravel. Oxfordshire is required to deliver its quota. But Northmoor is NOT the right place to dig. Stonehenge Farm is a pit too far. For decades West Oxfordshire has contributed most (70%) of Oxfordshire's gravel requirements. Other gravel-bearing areas of the county have suffered much less.

If you want to preserve your village and its setting for yourselves and your children, we urge you to come to our Residents' Meeting on Tuesday February 6th at 8pm in Northmoor Village Hall.

NIMBY? Not In My Back Yard?
But our back yard has already gone.
This is our front garden.

**Say NO to gravel digging at Northmoor
and save YOUR village**