



Invitation to a Public Exhibition – Proposed Sand and Gravel Quarry.

Your chance to review and comment on our proposals.

Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hanson Aggregates) invite you to a public exhibition at Scropton Village Hall on Friday 5th (12-7pm) and Saturday 6th July (10am-3pm) to view our proposals for a new sand and gravel quarry on land south of Leathersley Lane west of Scropton.

The exhibition will be attended by company employees and provide visual and written details of the scheme prior to the submission of a planning application and Environmental Statement to Derbyshire County Council (the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority). The exhibition is taking place to allow the public to view the proposals, ask questions and leave feedback.

The company will review all comments before finalising the planning application. This leaflet provides a first introduction ahead of the exhibition.

The Company

Heidelberg Materials is the new name for Hanson Aggregates. The company is one of the top four construction materials companies in the UK, operating from 280 sites and employing 3500 people. We have operated in this area for many years, with quarries still operating at Shardlow and Mercaston (Derbys), Barton and Cheadle (Staffs) and restored sites at Willington (now a nature reserve), Egginton, Elford, and Tamworth.

The Need

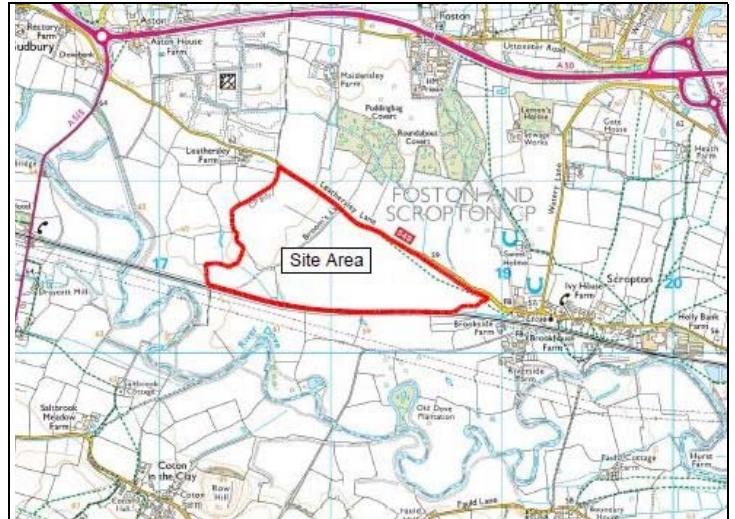
Aggregates are needed for the building and maintenance of new houses, and infrastructure. Recycled materials can only provide a relatively small proportion. Four existing Derbyshire quarries produce about 1 million tonnes of sand and gravel per year. These minerals can only be worked where there is suitable geology. The river valleys of the Trent, Dove, Derwent, Tame and Erewash are the traditional sources of Derbyshire's sand and gravel.

The Scropton site would be a part replacement for our Shardlow quarry which has five years of remaining reserves. The Scropton site will produce similar high quality sand and gravel for the Derbyshire and Staffordshire construction market, direct to site or via builders merchants and suppliers of ready mixed concrete. The site is not being proposed to supply HS2.

Scheme Summary

- To extract sand and gravel in phases over about 8 years plus 2 years to complete restoration.
- The processing plant, office and weighbridge located next to Broom's Lane (which will stay).
- The land to be kept in agriculture until needed.
- No impact on flood defences or railway line.
- Excavation will be 5-6m deep. No blasting.
- Starting in 2026-7 with advance landscaping and construction of a new access with right turn lane.
- Lorry traffic to approach and depart from the west, enforced by planning, monitored by CCTV.

Site Location



Site Facts

The proposed site area of 70 hectares (173 acres) covers 3 fields of arable land and grassland divided by a gated farm track (Broom's Lane). The Scropton flood defences lie outside the site to the east. The land has no legally protected designations e.g. as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or as a Scheduled Monument. One footpath crosses the eastern edge. The far eastern edge may flood when Foston Book overflows or the River Dove itself is in flood.

- Restoration to wetland habitats and farmland, 10,000 trees planted, 15 acres of reedbeds.
- Normal 5 ½ day working week hours.
- Imported inert soils and excavation materials tipped back into some phases to re-establish some fields at existing ground level.
- Routine monitoring of noise and dust.
- To include a connection to the Foston Brook to let flood water overflow into the restored site, then flow back out when water levels recede.
- New permissive footpath routes linked to the village.
- Small solar array for office power, electric charge points for employee vehicles.
- Internationally recognised environmental and management operating standards.
- A 5 year restoration and aftercare plan, plus 30 year biodiversity management plan.
- Community Liaison Group (established by legal agreement).

Concept Restoration Master Plan



Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Over the last few years, we have carried out many surveys and assessments to understand the key issues, to inform the proposals and help evaluate the potential effects. Consultations have been undertaken with key parties such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Derbyshire County Council. Topics included are:

- Traffic and Transport.
- Landscape and Visual Impact.
- Habitats, Ecology and Trees.
- Soils and Geology.
- Dust and Air Quality.
- Water, Drainage and Flooding.
- Archaeology and Heritage.
- Noise.
- Sustainability and Climate Change.

The findings and recommendations will be collated in a comprehensive Environmental Statement.

Planning Application and Further Consultation

The final planning application and accompanying Environmental Statement will include all the findings of this work. Once submitted they will be available for viewing in digital format and for commenting online via the County Council's planning applications website. The Company will keep the Scropton and Foston Parish Council informed during the process. Any grant of permission would include comprehensive planning conditions backed up by regular (4 per year) audit inspections by the County Council.