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Dear Councillor,

**RE: Proposed Development of Sand and Gravel Quarry at Leathersley Lane, Sudbury, Derbyshire**

I am writing on behalf of Cemex to invite you to an in person or virtual meeting with the project team, ahead of an upcoming public consultation for proposals to develop a new sand and gravel quarry at land off Leathersley Lane, Sudbury, Derbyshire.

Cemex is a leading global producer and marketer of cement, concrete and other building materials. The proposed new quarry, located on a 68.7-hectare site south of Leathersley Lane has been strategically chosen due to the significant sand and gravel deposits it contains, meeting the demand as set out by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council within the emerging Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan.

The proposed development involves extracting approximately 2.1 million tonnes of sand and gravel and progressively restoring the site over a 6-year period, followed by another 5-year period of further progressive restoration.

Key points of the proposal include:

- The quarry operations will be phased to minimise environmental impacts and ensure efficient use of resources, featuring state-of-the-art processing facilities for washing and stockpiling the extracted materials.
- Entrance will be via an upgraded existing farm access off Leathersley Lane, minimising disruption to the surrounding area, site vehicles will not pass through the village of Scropton.
- The project will provide substantial economic benefits, including job creation and support for local businesses, contributing significantly to Derbyshire's construction industry.
- The site will be progressively restored using approximately 1.4 million tonnes of inert restoration material, enhancing agricultural potential and biodiversity while creating habitats that support local wildlife and improving the local landscape, with restoration continuing for 5 years post-quarrying.

Cemex is committed to sustainability, with the quarry's operations aligning with its "Future in Action" programme, aiming to reduce carbon emissions and promoting a circular economy. Cemex's goal is to build long-term relationships with the communities within which they operate, ensuring openness and transparency at all stages of the proposals.

Cemex is currently in the process of preparing a planning application, which will be submitted alongside an Environmental Impact Assessment, addressing impacts on ecology, landscape, noise, dust, transport, heritage, flood risk, hydrogeology, and soils. The aim is that the planning application is submitted in the next few months and subject to approval they expect quarrying operations to begin no earlier than Mid 2027.

Due to your important role in the local community, Cemex is keen to discuss the plans with you ahead of the application submission. We hope that by discussing the proposals with you now, the submitted planning application will better reflect the needs of the local community and have already addressed residents' concerns.

Cavendish have been appointed to assist Cemex with the public consultation and communications process. If you would like an in person or virtual meeting with the project team ahead of our public exhibition, please email my colleague Matthew Murray on [matthew.murray@cavendishconsulting.com](mailto:matthew.murray@cavendishconsulting.com) who can arrange this. Alternatively, we will also be holding a preview session, with an opportunity to meet the team ahead of the public exhibition event, **between 1pm and 3pm on Wednesday 17th July at The Gasworks, Sudbury.**

The public exhibition will be open to the wider public **between 3pm and 7pm on Wednesday 17th July at The Gasworks, School Lane, Sudbury, Ashbourne, DE6 5HZ.**

We remain keen to answer any project related questions you have via our email address [midlands@consultation-online.co.uk](mailto:midlands@consultation-online.co.uk) or via our freephone information line on 0800 066 8942, where you will be able to leave a message and a member of the team will call you back.

A consultation website for the application will be live from Wednesday 17th July, featuring more information on our plans at: [www.LeathersleyLaneQuarry.consultationonline.co.uk](http://www.LeathersleyLaneQuarry.consultationonline.co.uk)

We look forward to your valuable input and discussing the proposals over the coming weeks.

Yours Faithfully,

**Matthew Shorland**

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